

(Committee on Ways and Means recommends passage, see House Journal, June 20, 2017, p. 553.)

**Sub. H. B. No. 35 – Representative Hughes**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Patton, Lipps, Antani, Blessing, Faber, Schaffer, Hambley, Sprague, Roccieri, Seitz, Dever, Brenner, Leland**

To amend sections 102.02, 109.572, 111.15, 119.01, 121.07, 131.11, 135.03, 135.032, 135.32, 135.321, 135.51, 135.52, 135.53, 323.134, 339.06, 513.17, 749.081, 755.141, 902.01, 924.10, 924.26, 924.45, 1101.01, 1101.02, 1101.03, 1101.15, 1101.16, 1103.01, 1103.02, 1103.03, 1103.06, 1103.07, 1103.08, 1103.09, 1103.11, 1103.13, 1103.14, 1103.15, 1103.16, 1103.18, 1103.19, 1103.20, 1103.21, 1105.01, 1105.02, 1105.03, 1105.04, 1105.08, 1105.10, 1105.11, 1107.03, 1107.05, 1107.07, 1107.09, 1107.11, 1107.13, 1107.15, 1109.01, 1109.02, 1109.03, 1109.05, 1109.08, 1109.10, 1109.15, 1109.16, 1109.17, 1109.22, 1109.23, 1109.24, 1109.25, 1109.26, 1109.31, 1109.32, 1109.33, 1109.34, 1109.35, 1109.36, 1109.39, 1109.40, 1109.43, 1109.44, 1109.45, 1109.47, 1109.48, 1109.49, 1109.53, 1109.54, 1109.55, 1109.59, 1109.61, 1109.63, 1109.64, 1109.65, 1109.69, 1111.01, 1111.02, 1111.03, 1111.04, 1111.06, 1111.07, 1111.08, 1111.09, 1113.01, 1113.03, 1113.05, 1113.06, 1113.08, 1113.09, 1115.01, 1115.05, 1115.06, 1115.07, 1115.11, 1115.111, 1115.14, 1115.15, 1115.20, 1115.23, 1115.27, 1117.01, 1117.02, 1117.04, 1117.05, 1119.11, 1119.17, 1119.23, 1119.26, 1121.01, 1121.02, 1121.05, 1121.06, 1121.10, 1121.12, 1121.13, 1121.15, 1121.16, 1121.17, 1121.18, 1121.21, 1121.23, 1121.26, 1121.30, 1121.33, 1121.34, 1121.38, 1121.41, 1121.43, 1121.45, 1121.47, 1121.48, 1121.50, 1121.56, 1123.01, 1125.01, 1125.03, 1125.04, 1125.05, 1125.06, 1125.09, 1125.10, 1125.11, 1125.12, 1125.13, 1125.14, 1125.17, 1125.18, 1125.19, 1125.20, 1125.21, 1125.22, 1125.23, 1125.24, 1125.25, 1125.26, 1125.27, 1125.28, 1125.29, 1125.30, 1125.33, 1181.01, 1181.02, 1181.03, 1181.04, 1181.05, 1181.06, 1181.07, 1181.10, 1181.11, 1181.21, 1181.25, 1349.16, 1509.07, 1509.225, 1510.09, 1514.04, 1707.03, 1901.31, 2335.25, 3351.07, 3767.41, 4303.293, and 5814.01; to amend, for the purpose of adopting new section numbers as indicated in parentheses, sections 1103.01 (1113.01), 1103.06 (1113.04), 1103.08 (1113.12), 1103.09 (1113.13), 1103.11 (1113.11), 1103.13 (1113.14), 1103.14 (1113.15), 1103.15 (1113.16), 1103.16 (1113.17), 1103.21 (1117.07), and 1113.01 (1113.02) and to enact new section 1121.52 and sections 1101.05, 1103.99, 1109.021, 1109.04, 1109.151, 1109.441, 1109.62, 1114.01, 1114.02, 1114.03, 1114.04, 1114.05, 1114.06, 1114.07, 1114.08, 1114.09, 1114.10, 1114.11, 1114.12, 1114.16, 1115.02, 1115.03, 1115.24, 1116.01, 1116.02, 1116.05, 1116.06, 1116.07, 1116.08, 1116.09, 1116.10, 1116.11, 1116.12, 1116.13, 1116.16, 1116.18, 1116.19, 1116.20, 1116.21, and 1121.19, and to repeal sections 1105.06, 1107.01, 1109.60, 1115.18, 1115.19, 1115.25, 1121.52, 1133.01, 1133.02, 1133.03, 1133.04, 1133.05, 1133.06, 1133.07, 1133.08, 1133.09, 1133.10, 1133.11, 1133.12, 1133.13, 1133.14, 1133.15, 1133.16, 1151.01, 1151.02, 1151.03, 1151.04, 1151.05, 1151.051, 1151.052, 1151.053, 1151.06, 1151.07, 1151.08, 1151.081, 1151.09, 1151.091, 1151.10, 1151.11, 1151.12, 1151.13, 1151.14, 1151.15, 1151.16, 1151.17, 1151.18, 1151.19, 1151.191, 1151.192, 1151.20, 1151.201, 1151.21, 1151.22, 1151.23, 1151.231, 1151.24, 1151.25, 1151.26, 1151.27, 1151.28, 1151.29, 1151.291, 1151.292, 1151.293, 1151.294, 1151.295, 1151.296, 1151.297, 1151.298, 1151.299, 1151.2910, 1151.2911,

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(Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing, and Urban Development recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, March 8, 2017, p. 217.)

**Am. H. B. No. 39 – Representatives Arndt, Gavarone**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Anielski, Hambley, Bishoff, Carfagna**

To enact section 505.872 of the Revised Code to authorize certain townships to require the removal of snow and ice from sidewalks abutting property.

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, March 22, 2017, p. 261.)

**Sub. H. B. No. 42 – Representatives Sprague, DeVitis**

**Cosponsor: Representative Seitz**

To amend section 1345.99 and to enact section 1345.022 of the Revised Code to prohibit the installation of unsafe used tires on certain motor vehicles.

(Committee on Economic Development, Commerce, and Labor recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, May 10, 2017, p. 449.)

**Sub. H. B. No. 50 – Representative Schaffer**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Roegner, Koehler, Retherford, McColley, Brenner, Conditt, Thompson, Becker, Wiggam, Riedel, Blessing, Henne, Dean, Seitz, Merrin, Goodman, LaTourette, Hambley, Antani, Young**

To amend sections 4501.27, 5101.33, and 5101.542 and to enact section 5101.331 of the Revised Code to establish requirements for electronic benefit transfer cards issued under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

(Committee on Community and Family Advancement recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, June 8, 2017, p. 543.)

**Am. H. B. No. 51 – Representative Faber**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Becker, Brinkman, Butler, Dean, Dever, DeVitis, Green, Goodman, Hagan, Henne, Keller, Kick, Koehler, Lipps, Merrin, Retherford, Riedel, Roegner, Romanchuk, Scherer, Stein, Thompson, Vitale, Young**

To amend section 117.46 and to enact sections 101.88, 101.881, 101.882, and 101.89 of the Revised Code to require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review.

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, May 16, 2017, p. 463.)

**H. B. No. 58 – Representatives Brenner, Slaby**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Perales, Zeltwanger, Vitale, Hambley, Conditt, Young, Roegner, Riedel, Thompson, Dean, Cupp, Keller, Blessing**

To amend section 3313.60 of the Revised Code to require instruction in cursive handwriting.

(Committee on Higher Education and Workforce Development recommends passage, see House Journal, June 21, 2017, p. 567.)

**H. B. No. 76 – Representatives Arndt, Gavarone**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, DeVitis, Householder, Hughes, Johnson, Patmon**

To amend section 4501.21 and to enact sections 4503.436 and 4503.566 of the Revised Code to create the "Ohio National Guard Ohio Cross" license plate and the "Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge" license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, March 16, 2017, p. 247.)

**H. B. No. 88 – Representative Anielski**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Patton, Roegner, Slaby, Howse, Celebrezze, Sykes, Green, Greenspan, DeVitis, Householder, Hughes, Johnson, West**

To amend section 4501.21 and to enact section 4503.905 of the Revised Code to create the "Cuyahoga Valley Career Center" license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, March 16, 2017, p. 248.)

**Am. H. B. No. 104 – Representative Schaffer**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Henne, Boccieri, Seitz, Becker, Riedel, Hood, Brinkman, Stein, Bishoff, Dever, Brenner**

To amend section 5739.121 of the Revised Code to allow vendors to receive a refund of sales tax remitted for bad debts on private label credit accounts when the debt is charged off as uncollectible by the credit account lender.

(Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing, and Urban Development recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, April 26, 2017, p. 358.)

**Am. H. B. No. 116 – Representative Merrin**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Hambley, McColley, Becker, Roegner, Seitz, Carfagna, Hood, Brinkman, Riedel, Goodman, Sheehy, Keller, Antani, Vitale, Zeltwanger, Koehler, Dean, Boccieri, Stein, Retherford, Young, Householder**

To amend sections 5739.01 and 5739.02 of the Revised Code to exempt prescription eyeglasses, contact lenses, and other optical aids sold by licensed dispensers from sales and use tax beginning July 2019.

(Committee on Ways and Means recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, April 26, 2017, p. 358.)

**Am. H. B. No. 134 – Representatives Hambley, Kick**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Wiggam, Stein**

To amend sections 307.283 and 5739.026 of the Revised Code to allow community improvements board grants to a school district to be spent for permanent improvements outside the county so long as the improvements are within the school district.

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, May 16, 2017, p. 464.)

**H. B. No. 135 – Representative Patmon**

To enact section 5.49 of the Revised Code to designate June 12th as "Superman Day."

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, May 16, 2017, p. 465.)

**H. B. No. 136 – Representative Arndt**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, Hughes, Lepore-Hagan, West**

To enact sections 5534.802 and 5534.803 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of State Route 61 in Erie County as the "SGT David Sexton Memorial Highway" and a portion of Benton-Carroll Road in Ottawa County as "SGT Glen Millinger Memorial Highway."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, May 1, 2017, p. 364.)

**H. B. No. 140 – Representative Green**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Bocchieri, Cera, Faber, Johnson, Lipps, Miller, Perales, Riedel, Rogers, Sheehy, Sprague, Sweeney, Greenspan, Hughes, Lepore-Hagan**

To enact section 5534.78 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of State Route 32 in Brown and Highland Counties as the "Army Specialist Danny Raymond King Memorial Highway."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, May 1, 2017, p. 365.)

**H. B. No. 159 – Representative Riedel**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Hambley, Sweeney, Brenner, Dean, Cupp, Reineke, Blessing, Lepore-Hagan, Smith, K., Goodman, Thompson, Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, DeVitis, Householder, Hughes, Johnson, Reece, West**

To enact section 5.292 of the Revised Code to designate May as "Drive Ohio Byways Month."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, May 24, 2017, p. 504.)

**H. B. No. 183 – Representative Perales**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Butler, Sweeney, Craig, Hambley, Bocchieri, Riedel, Lipps, Rezabek, Seitz, O'Brien, Johnson, Lanese, Landis, Miller, Young**

To enact section 4561.02 of the Revised Code to establish the Governing Board of the Ohio Aviation Hall of Fame and Learning Center for purposes of establishing the Hall and inducting persons into it.

(Committee on Armed Services, Veterans Affairs, and Homeland Security recommends passage, see House Journal, June 8, 2017, p. 544.)

**H. B. No. 194 – Representatives Johnson, Craig**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Anielski, Arndt, Boccieri, Butler, Conditt, Dean, Dever, Ginter, Gonzales, Keller, Landis, Riedel, Ryan, Stein, Strahorn, Thompson, Wiggam, Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, DeVitis, Householder, Howse, Hughes, Lepore-Hagan, Manning, Reece, West**

To enact section 4503.29 and to repeal sections 4503.431, 4503.432, 4503.433, 4503.434, 4503.48, 4503.481, 4503.53, 4503.532, 4503.533, 4503.536, 4503.537, 4503.538, 4503.54, 4503.541, 4503.543, 4503.544, 4503.547, 4503.548, 4503.571, 4503.581, 4503.59, and 4503.731 of the Revised Code to establish a program for the issuance of special license plates related to military service and awards.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, May 24, 2017, p. 505.)

**H. B. No. 196 – Representative Lipps**

**Cosponsors: Representatives West, Sprague, Riedel, Wiggam, Smith, R., Boccieri, Thompson, Sweeney, Lepore-Hagan, Antonio, Stein, Cupp, Miller, Huffman, Gavarone, Antani, Johnson**

To enact section 5.2518 of the Revised Code to designate October as "Ohio Chiropractic Awareness Month."

(Committee on Health recommends passage, see House Journal, May 17, 2017, p. 475.)

**H. B. No. 202 – Representative Thompson**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Johnson, Ramos, Stein, Retherford, Arndt, Rogers, Duffey, Goodman, Riedel, Howse, Smith, K., Romanchuk, Greenspan, Lepore-Hagan, Conditt, Anielski, Hill, Miller, Boccieri, Gavarone, Hambley, Scherer, Ginter, Sweeney, Sprague, West, Dean, Brenner, Kent, Cupp, Keller, Reece, Faber, Lanese, Landis, Young, Zeltwanger**

To enact section 5.481 of the Revised Code to designate the first Saturday of May as "Veterans Suicide Awareness Day."

(Committee on Armed Services, Veterans Affairs, and Homeland Security recommends passage, see House Journal, May 25, 2017, p. 516.)

**H. B. No. 212 – Representative Householder**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, DeVitis, Hughes, Johnson, Keller, Lepore-Hagan, Manning, Patton, Reece, West**

To enact section 5534.801 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of State Route 16 in Coshocton County as the "Staff Sergeant Paul C. Mardis Jr. Memorial Highway."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, May 24, 2017, p. 505.)

**Am. H. B. No. 215 – Representative Riedel**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Manning, Celebrezze, Rogers, Seitz**

To amend sections 1901.01, 1901.02, 1901.03, 1901.07, 1901.08, 1901.312, 1901.34, and 1907.11 of the Revised Code to create the Paulding County Municipal Court in Paulding on January 1, 2020, to establish one full-time judgeship in that court, to provide for the nomination of the judge by petition only, to abolish the Paulding County County Court on that date, and to provide for the election for the Paulding County Municipal Court of one full-time judge in 2019.

(Committee on Criminal Justice recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, June 21, 2017, p. 569.)

**Am. H. B. No. 227 – Representative LaTourette**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Sheehy**

To amend section 4501.21 and to enact section 4503.88 of the Revised Code to create the "Kenston Local Schools" license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, June 8, 2017, p. 545.)

**H. B. No. 229 – Representatives Romanchuk, Wiggam**

**Cosponsors: Representatives DeVitis, Thompson, Sprague, Patton, Reece, Kent, Smith, K., Brenner, Sweeney, Hambley**

To enact section 5.261 of the Revised Code to designate February 3 as "Charles Follis Day."

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, June 21, 2017, p. 571.)

**H. B. No. 235 – Representative Gavarone**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Brenner, Cupp, Hambley**

To amend section 3302.09 of the Revised Code regarding procedures for approval or disapproval of the state education plan for the federal Every Student Succeeds Act.

(Committee on Education and Career Readiness recommends passage, see House Journal, June 21, 2017, p. 571.)

**S. B. No. 18 – Senator Thomas**

**Cosponsors: Senators Eklund, Gardner, Beagle, Yuko, Sykes, Brown, Obhof, Coley, Uecker, Bacon, Balderson, Burke, Dolan, Hackett, Hite, Hoagland, Hottinger, Huffman, Jordan, Kunze, LaRose, Lehner, Manning, Oelslager, Peterson, Schiavoni, Skindell, Tavares, Terhar, Williams, Wilson  
Representatives Hambley, Boyd, Carfagna**

To enact section 5.291 of the Revised Code to designate September 12 as "Jesse Owens Day."

(House committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, April 25, 2017, p. 350.)

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 7, 2017, p. 201.)

(Senate committee on Government Oversight and Reform recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 2, 2017, p. 181.)

**S. B. No. 27 – Senator Beagle**

**Cosponsors: Senators Bacon, Brown, Eklund, Gardner, Manning, Obhof, Schiavoni, Thomas, Uecker, Williams, Yuko, Hoagland, Oelslager, Tavares, Burke, Kunze, Hackett, Balderson, Coley, Dolan, Hite, Hottinger, Huffman, Jordan, LaRose, Lehner, Peterson, Skindell, Sykes, Terhar, Wilson  
Representatives Hambley, Boyd, Carfagna**

To amend section 5.2281 of the Revised Code to designate the period beginning March 13 and ending April 15 as "Ohio Deaf History Month."

(House committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, April 25, 2017, p. 351.)

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 7, 2017, p. 203.)

(Senate committee on Health, Human Services and Medicaid recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 2, 2017, p. 181.)

**S. B. No. 57 – Senator Kunze**

**Cosponsors: Senators Coley, Brown, Beagle, Eklund, Schiavoni, Oelslager, Yuko, Hackett, Lehner, Tavares, Gardner, Bacon, Balderson, Burke, Dolan, Hite, Hoagland, Huffman, LaRose, Manning, Obhof, O'Brien, Peterson, Skindell, Sykes, Terhar, Thomas, Uecker, Williams, Wilson  
Representatives Huffman, Gavarone, Antonio, Barnes, Duffey, Ginter, Kent, LaTourette, Lepore-Hagan, West**

To enact section 5.291 of the Revised Code to designate the seventeenth day of May as "Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma Awareness Day."

(House committee on Health recommends passage, see House Journal, May 1, 2017, p. 363.)



(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 15, 2017, p. 239.)

(Senate committee on Health, Human Services and Medicaid recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 8, 2017, p. 209.)

## **Pending Matters**

### **Am. Sub. H. B. No. 49 – Representative Smith, R. – et al.**

To make operating appropriations for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019, and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs.

(Line item vetoes 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 28, 29, 32, 35, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, and 47, see House Journal, July 6, 2017, p. 972.)

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**Bills for Third Consideration**

**H. B. No. 133 – Representative Ryan**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Hambley, Hill, Carfagna, Goodman, Seitz, Schaffer, Lipps, Arndt, Green, Ginter, Slaby, Cupp, Dean, Reineke, Miller**

To amend sections 111.16, 718.01, 718.05, 1329.01, 4123.01, 4141.42, 5741.02, 5747.01, and 5751.01 and to enact sections 1701.041, 4799.04, and 5703.94 of the Revised Code to create the Disaster Relief Act to exempt out-of-state disaster businesses and qualifying out-of-state employees from certain taxes and laws with respect to disaster work on critical infrastructure performed in this state during a declared disaster.

(Committee on Public Utilities recommends passage, see House Journal, June 21, 2017, p. 568.)

**Am. S. B. No. 37 – Senator Hite**

**Cosponsors: Senators Uecker, Thomas, Sykes, Yuko, Williams, Brown, Wilson, Hackett, Bacon, Balderson, Coley, Dolan, Gardner, Hoagland, Huffinan, Kunze, LaRose, Manning, O'Brien, Oelslager, Peterson, Schiavoni, Tavares, Terhar Representatives Hambley, Perales**  
To enact section 109.804 of the Revised Code to require the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission to develop and conduct a chief of police training course for certain newly appointed chiefs of police.

(House committee on State and Local Government recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, June 21, 2017, p. 566.)

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 22, 2017, p. 256.)

(Senate committee on Local Government, Public Safety and Veterans Affairs recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 7, 2017, p. 195.)

**H. B. No. 122 – Representatives Hambley, Rogers**

**Cosponsors: Representatives West, Smith, K., Sheehy**

To establish a Regional Economic Development Alliance Study Committee to study the benefits and challenges involved in creating regional economic development alliances.

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, May 10, 2017, p. 451.)

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**(Bills or resolutions below the black line have been recommended for passage or adoption by designated committees)**

**Sub. H. B. No. 2 – Representative Seitz**

To amend sections 2315.18, 2315.21, 4112.01, 4112.02, 4112.04, 4112.05, 4112.08, 4112.14, and 4112.99; to amend, for the purpose of adopting new section numbers as indicated in parentheses,

sections 4112.051 (4112.055) and 4112.052 (4112.056); and to enact new sections 4112.051 and 4112.052 and section 4112.054 of the Revised Code to modify Ohio civil rights laws related to employment.

(Committee on Economic Development, Commerce, and Labor recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, May 10, 2017, p. 449.)

#### **H. B. No. 24 – Representative Ginter**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Schaffer, Rogers, Cera, Green, Hambley, Retherford, Ryan**

To amend section 5709.17 of the Revised Code to modify the existing tax exemption for veterans organizations' property to include property of certain veterans organizations exempt from federal taxation under section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code and to exclude property that is not used primarily for meetings, administration, and the provision of programs and services to past and present members of the United States armed forces.

(Committee on Ways and Means recommends passage, see House Journal, June 20, 2017, p. 553.)

#### **Sub. H. B. No. 35 – Representative Hughes**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Patton, Lipps, Antani, Blessing, Faber, Schaffer, Hambley, Sprague, Boccheri, Seitz, Dever, Brenner, Leland**

To amend sections 102.02, 109.572, 111.15, 119.01, 121.07, 131.11, 135.03, 135.032, 135.32, 135.321, 135.51, 135.52, 135.53, 323.134, 339.06, 513.17, 749.081, 755.141, 902.01, 924.10, 924.26, 924.45, 1101.01, 1101.02, 1101.03, 1101.15, 1101.16, 1103.01, 1103.02, 1103.03, 1103.06, 1103.07, 1103.08, 1103.09, 1103.11, 1103.13, 1103.14, 1103.15, 1103.16, 1103.18, 1103.19, 1103.20, 1103.21, 1105.01, 1105.02, 1105.03, 1105.04, 1105.08, 1105.10, 1105.11, 1107.03, 1107.05, 1107.07, 1107.09, 1107.11, 1107.13, 1107.15, 1109.01, 1109.02, 1109.03, 1109.05, 1109.08, 1109.10, 1109.15, 1109.16, 1109.17, 1109.22, 1109.23, 1109.24, 1109.25, 1109.26, 1109.31, 1109.32, 1109.33, 1109.34, 1109.35, 1109.36, 1109.39, 1109.40, 1109.43, 1109.44, 1109.45, 1109.47, 1109.48, 1109.49, 1109.53, 1109.54, 1109.55, 1109.59, 1109.61, 1109.63, 1109.64, 1109.65, 1109.69, 1111.01, 1111.02, 1111.03, 1111.04, 1111.06, 1111.07, 1111.08, 1111.09, 1113.01, 1113.03, 1113.05, 1113.06, 1113.08, 1113.09, 1115.01, 1115.05, 1115.06, 1115.07, 1115.11, 1115.111, 1115.14, 1115.15, 1115.20, 1115.23, 1115.27, 1117.01, 1117.02, 1117.04, 1117.05, 1119.11, 1119.17, 1119.23, 1119.26, 1121.01, 1121.02, 1121.05, 1121.06, 1121.10, 1121.12, 1121.13, 1121.15, 1121.16, 1121.17, 1121.18, 1121.21, 1121.23, 1121.26, 1121.30, 1121.33, 1121.34, 1121.38, 1121.41, 1121.43, 1121.45, 1121.47, 1121.48, 1121.50, 1121.56, 1123.01, 1125.01, 1125.03, 1125.04, 1125.05, 1125.06, 1125.09, 1125.10, 1125.11, 1125.12, 1125.13, 1125.14, 1125.17, 1125.18, 1125.19, 1125.20, 1125.21, 1125.22, 1125.23, 1125.24, 1125.25, 1125.26, 1125.27, 1125.28, 1125.29, 1125.30, 1125.33, 1181.01, 1181.02, 1181.03, 1181.04, 1181.05, 1181.06, 1181.07, 1181.10, 1181.11, 1181.21, 1181.25, 1349.16, 1509.07, 1509.225, 1510.09, 1514.04, 1707.03, 1901.31, 2335.25, 3351.07, 3767.41, 4303.293, and 5814.01; to amend, for the purpose of adopting new section numbers as indicated in parentheses, sections 1103.01 (1113.01), 1103.06 (1113.04), 1103.08 (1113.12), 1103.09 (1113.13), 1103.11 (1113.11), 1103.13 (1113.14), 1103.14 (1113.15), 1103.15 (1113.16), 1103.16 (1113.17), 1103.21 (1117.07), and 1113.01 (1113.02) and to enact new section 1121.52 and sections 1101.05, 1103.99, 1109.021, 1109.04, 1109.151, 1109.441, 1109.62, 1114.01, 1114.02, 1114.03, 1114.04, 1114.05, 1114.06, 1114.07, 1114.08, 1114.09, 1114.10, 1114.11, 1114.12, 1114.16, 1115.02, 1115.03, 1115.24, 1116.01, 1116.02, 1116.05, 1116.06, 1116.07, 1116.08, 1116.09, 1116.10, 1116.11, 1116.12, 1116.13, 1116.16, 1116.18, 1116.19, 1116.20, 1116.21, and 1121.19, and to repeal sections 1105.06, 1107.01, 1109.60, 1115.18, 1115.19, 1115.25, 1121.52, 1133.01, 1133.02, 1133.03, 1133.04, 1133.05, 1133.06, 1133.07, 1133.08, 1133.09, 1133.10, 1133.11, 1133.12, 1133.13, 1133.14, 1133.15, 1133.16, 1151.01, 1151.02, 1151.03, 1151.04, 1151.05, 1151.051, 1151.052, 1151.053, 1151.06, 1151.07, 1151.08, 1151.081, 1151.09, 1151.091, 1151.10, 1151.11, 1151.12, 1151.13, 1151.14, 1151.15, 1151.16, 1151.17, 1151.18, 1151.19, 1151.191, 1151.192, 1151.20, 1151.201, 1151.21, 1151.22, 1151.23, 1151.231, 1151.24,

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(Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing, and Urban Development recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, March 8, 2017, p. 217.)

**Am. H. B. No. 39 – Representatives Arndt, Gavarone**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Anielski, Hambley, Bishoff, Carfagna**

To enact section 505.872 of the Revised Code to authorize certain townships to require the removal of snow and ice from sidewalks abutting property.

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, March 22, 2017, p. 261.)

**Sub. H. B. No. 42 – Representatives Sprague, DeVitis**

**Cosponsor: Representative Seitz**

To amend section 1345.99 and to enact section 1345.022 of the Revised Code to prohibit the installation of unsafe used tires on certain motor vehicles.

(Committee on Economic Development, Commerce, and Labor recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, May 10, 2017, p. 449.)

**Sub. H. B. No. 50 – Representative Schaffer**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Roegner, Koehler, Retherford, McColley, Brenner, Conditt, Thompson, Becker, Wiggam, Riedel, Blessing, Henne, Dean, Seitz, Merrin, Goodman, La'Tourette, Hambley, Antani, Young**

To amend sections 4501.27, 5101.33, and 5101.542 and to enact section 5101.331 of the Revised Code to establish requirements for electronic benefit transfer cards issued under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

(Committee on Community and Family Advancement recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, June 8, 2017, p. 543.)

**Am. H. B. No. 51 – Representative Faber**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Becker, Brinkman, Butler, Dean, Dever, DeVitis, Green, Goodman, Hagan, Henne, Keller, Kick, Koehler, Lipps, Merrin, Retherford, Riedel, Roegner, Romanchuk, Scherer, Stein, Thompson, Vitale, Young**

To amend section 117.46 and to enact sections 101.88, 101.881, 101.882, and 101.89 of the Revised Code to require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review.

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, May 16, 2017, p. 463.)

**H. B. No. 58 – Representatives Brenner, Slaby**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Perales, Zeltwanger, Vitale, Hambley, Conditt, Young, Roegner, Riedel, Thompson, Dean, Cupp, Keller, Blessing**

To amend section 3313.60 of the Revised Code to require instruction in cursive handwriting.

(Committee on Higher Education and Workforce Development recommends passage, see House Journal, June 21, 2017, p. 567.)

**H. B. No. 76 – Representatives Arndt, Gavarone**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, DeVitis, Householder, Hughes, Johnson, Patmon**

To amend section 4501.21 and to enact sections 4503.436 and 4503.566 of the Revised Code to create the "Ohio National Guard Ohio Cross" license plate and the "Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge" license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, March 16, 2017, p. 247.)

**H. B. No. 88 – Representative Anielski**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Patton, Roegner, Slaby, Howse, Celebrezze, Sykes, Green, Greenspan, DeVitis, Householder, Hughes, Johnson, West**

To amend section 4501.21 and to enact section 4503.905 of the Revised Code to create the "Cuyahoga Valley Career Center" license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, March 16, 2017, p. 248.)

**Am. H. B. No. 104 – Representative Schaffer**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Henne, Boccieri, Seitz, Becker, Riedel, Hood, Brinkman, Stein, Bishoff, Dever, Brenner**

To amend section 5739.121 of the Revised Code to allow vendors to receive a refund of sales tax remitted for bad debts on private label credit accounts when the debt is charged off as uncollectible by the credit account lender.

(Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing, and Urban Development recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, April 26, 2017, p. 358.)

**Am. H. B. No. 116 – Representative Merrin**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Hambley, McColley, Becker, Roegner, Seitz, Carfagna, Hood, Brinkman, Riedel, Goodman, Sheehy, Keller, Antani, Vitale, Zeltwanger, Koehler, Dean, Boccieri, Stein, Retherford, Young, Householder**

To amend sections 5739.01 and 5739.02 of the Revised Code to exempt prescription eyeglasses, contact lenses, and other optical aids sold by licensed dispensers from sales and use tax beginning

July 2019.

(Committee on Ways and Means recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, April 26, 2017, p. 358.)

**Am. H. B. No. 134 – Representatives Hambley, Kick**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Wiggam, Stein**

To amend sections 307.283 and 5739.026 of the Revised Code to allow community improvements board grants to a school district to be spent for permanent improvements outside the county so long as the improvements are within the school district.

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, May 16, 2017, p. 464.)

**H. B. No. 135 – Representative Patmon**

To enact section 5.49 of the Revised Code to designate June 12th as "Superman Day."

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, May 16, 2017, p. 465.)

**H. B. No. 136 – Representative Arndt**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, Hughes, Lepore-Hagan, West**

To enact sections 5534.802 and 5534.803 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of State Route 61 in Erie County as the "SGT David Sexton Memorial Highway" and a portion of Benton-Carroll Road in Ottawa County as "SGT Glen Millinger Memorial Highway."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, May 1, 2017, p. 364.)

**H. B. No. 140 – Representative Green**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Bocchieri, Cera, Faber, Johnson, Lipps, Miller, Perales, Riedel, Rogers, Sheehy, Sprague, Sweeney, Greenspan, Hughes, Lepore-Hagan**

To enact section 5534.78 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of State Route 32 in Brown and Highland Counties as the "Army Specialist Danny Raymond King Memorial Highway."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, May 1, 2017, p. 365.)

**H. B. No. 159 – Representative Riedel**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Hambley, Sweeney, Brenner, Dean, Cupp, Reineke, Blessing, Lepore-Hagan, Smith, K., Goodman, Thompson, Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, DeVitis, Householder, Hughes, Johnson, Reece, West**

To enact section 5.292 of the Revised Code to designate May as "Drive Ohio Byways Month."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, May 24, 2017, p. 504.)

**H. B. No. 183 – Representative Perales**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Butler, Sweeney, Craig, Hambley, Bocchieri, Riedel, Lipps, Rezabek, Seitz, O'Brien, Johnson, Lanese, Landis, Miller, Young**

To enact section 4561.02 of the Revised Code to establish the Governing Board of the Ohio Aviation Hall of Fame and Learning Center for purposes of establishing the Hall and inducting persons into it.

(Committee on Armed Services, Veterans Affairs, and Homeland Security recommends passage, see House Journal, June 8, 2017, p. 544.)

**H. B. No. 194 – Representatives Johnson, Craig**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Anielski, Arndt, Bocchieri, Butler, Conditt, Dean, Dever, Ginter, Gonzales, Keller, Landis, Riedel, Ryan, Stein, Strahorn, Thompson, Wiggam, Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, DeVitis, Householder, Howse, Hughes, Lepore-Hagan, Manning, Reece,**

**West**

To enact section 4503.29 and to repeal sections 4503.431, 4503.432, 4503.433, 4503.434, 4503.48, 4503.481, 4503.53, 4503.532, 4503.533, 4503.536, 4503.537, 4503.538, 4503.54, 4503.541, 4503.543, 4503.544, 4503.547, 4503.548, 4503.571, 4503.581, 4503.59, and 4503.731 of the Revised Code to establish a program for the issuance of special license plates related to military service and awards.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, May 24, 2017, p. 505.)

**H. B. No. 196 – Representative Lipps**

**Cosponsors: Representatives West, Sprague, Riedel, Wiggam, Smith, R., Boccheri, Thompson, Sweeney, Lepore-Hagan, Antonio, Stein, Cupp, Miller, Huffman, Gavarone, Antani, Johnson**

To enact section 5.2518 of the Revised Code to designate October as "Ohio Chiropractic Awareness Month."

(Committee on Health recommends passage, see House Journal, May 17, 2017, p. 475.)

**H. B. No. 202 – Representative Thompson**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Johnson, Ramos, Stein, Retherford, Arndt, Rogers, Duffey, Goodman, Riedel, Howse, Smith, K., Romanchuk, Greenspan, Lepore-Hagan, Conditt, Anielski, Hill, Miller, Boccheri, Gavarone, Hambley, Scherer, Ginter, Sweeney, Sprague, West, Dean, Brenner, Kent, Cupp, Keller, Reece, Faber, Lanese, Landis, Young, Zeltwanger**  
To enact section 5.481 of the Revised Code to designate the first Saturday of May as "Veterans Suicide Awareness Day."

(Committee on Armed Services, Veterans Affairs, and Homeland Security recommends passage, see House Journal, May 25, 2017, p. 516.)

**H. B. No. 212 – Representative Householder**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, DeVitis, Hughes, Johnson, Keller, Lepore-Hagan, Manning, Patton, Reece, West**

To enact section 5534.801 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of State Route 16 in Coshocton County as the "Staff Sergeant Paul C. Mardis Jr. Memorial Highway."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, May 24, 2017, p. 505.)

**Am. H. B. No. 215 – Representative Riedel**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Manning, Celebrezze, Rogers, Seitz**

To amend sections 1901.01, 1901.02, 1901.03, 1901.07, 1901.08, 1901.312, 1901.34, and 1907.11 of the Revised Code to create the Paulding County Municipal Court in Paulding on January 1, 2020, to establish one full-time judgeship in that court, to provide for the nomination of the judge by petition only, to abolish the Paulding County County Court on that date, and to provide for the election for the Paulding County Municipal Court of one full-time judge in 2019.

(Committee on Criminal Justice recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, June 21, 2017, p. 569.)

**Am. H. B. No. 227 – Representative LaTourette**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Sheehy**

To amend section 4501.21 and to enact section 4503.88 of the Revised Code to create the "Kenston Local Schools" license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, June 8, 2017, p. 545.)

**H. B. No. 229 – Representatives Romanchuk, Wiggam**

**Cosponsors: Representatives DeVitis, Thompson, Sprague, Patton, Reece, Kent, Smith, K., Brenner, Sweeney, Hambley**

To enact section 5.261 of the Revised Code to designate February 3 as "Charles Follis Day."

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, June 21, 2017, p. 571.)

**H. B. No. 235 – Representative Gavarone**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Brenner, Cupp, Hambley**

To amend section 3302.09 of the Revised Code regarding procedures for approval or disapproval of the state education plan for the federal Every Student Succeeds Act.

(Committee on Education and Career Readiness recommends passage, see House Journal, June 21, 2017, p. 571.)

**S. B. No. 18 – Senator Thomas**

**Cosponsors: Senators Eklund, Gardner, Beagle, Yuko, Sykes, Brown, Obhof, Coley, Uecker, Bacon, Balderson, Burke, Dolan, Hackett, Hite, Hoagland, Hottinger, Huffman, Jordan, Kunze, LaRose, Lehner, Manning, Oelslager, Peterson, Schiavoni, Skindell, Tavares, Terhar, Williams, Wilson Representatives Hambley, Boyd, Carfagna**

To enact section 5.291 of the Revised Code to designate September 12 as "Jesse Owens Day."

(House committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, April 25, 2017, p. 350.)

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 7, 2017, p. 201.)

(Senate committee on Government Oversight and Reform recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 2, 2017, p. 181.)

**S. B. No. 27 – Senator Beagle**

**Cosponsors: Senators Bacon, Brown, Eklund, Gardner, Manning, Obhof, Schiavoni, Thomas, Uecker, Williams, Yuko, Hoagland, Oelslager, Tavares, Burke, Kunze, Hackett, Balderson, Coley, Dolan, Hite, Hottinger, Huffman, Jordan, LaRose, Lehner, Peterson, Skindell, Sykes, Terhar, Wilson Representatives Hambley, Boyd, Carfagna**

To amend section 5.2281 of the Revised Code to designate the period beginning March 13 and ending April 15 as "Ohio Deaf History Month."

(House committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, April 25, 2017, p. 351.)

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 7, 2017, p. 203.)

(Senate committee on Health, Human Services and Medicaid recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 2, 2017, p. 181.)

**S. B. No. 57 – Senator Kunze**

**Cosponsors: Senators Coley, Brown, Beagle, Eklund, Schiavoni, Oelslager, Yuko, Hackett, Lehner, Tavares, Gardner, Bacon, Balderson, Burke, Dolan, Hite, Hoagland, Huffman, LaRose, Manning, Obhof, O'Brien, Peterson, Skindell, Sykes, Terhar, Thomas, Uecker, Williams, Wilson Representatives Huffman, Gavarone, Antonio, Barnes, Duffey, Ginter, Kent, LaTourette, Lepore-Hagan, West**

To enact section 5.291 of the Revised Code to designate the seventeenth day of May as "Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma Awareness Day."

(House committee on Health recommends passage, see House Journal, May 1, 2017, p. 363.)

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 15, 2017, p. 239.)

(Senate committee on Health, Human Services and Medicaid recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 8, 2017, p. 209.)

**Pending Matters**

**Am. Sub. H. B. No. 49 – Representative Smith, R. – et al.**

To make operating appropriations for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30,



2019, and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs.

(Line item vetoes 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 28, 29, 32, 35, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, and 47; see House Journal, July 6, 2017, p. 972.)

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## Senate Activity for Tuesday, September 12, 2017

### COMMITTEE HEARINGS

#### Local Government, Public Safety & Veterans Affairs

**HB 125** **COURT JURISDICTIONS** (Craig, H., Seitz, B.) To specify the jurisdiction of municipal and county courts over municipal traffic ordinances and to establish requirements governing fines, fees, or other charges for traffic violations and infractions imposed by a municipal corporation that does not have the authority to establish a mayor's court. (**CONTINUED**; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

Rep. Bill Seitz (R-Cincinnati) said the bill stems from actions taken by villages to circumvent a state law that resulted in the loss of mayors' courts. The local entities have set up "civil violation systems" to keep traffic fine revenue flowing, and he has heard of penalties as high as \$1,500 under these new setups, he said.

"HB 125 looks to halt this unscrupulous practice by capping the fines in excess or not included in local municipal or county court's schedule of fines," he said.

Rep. Seitz said the bill would not prevent small villages from using photo enforcement devices, but they must follow state law requiring a police officer to be present at the device location. That's because a recent Ohio Supreme Court decision that tossed that aspect of the law applies only to home rule cities.

The chief cosponsor said the bill also closes a "loophole" by preventing townships from "using photo enforcement civil violation cameras on the interstate." An amendment on that provision, which clarifies that the jurisdictions would still be able to provide mutual aid on interstates, is forthcoming, he said.

The bill passed the House 92-1, Rep. Seitz said.

Rep. Hearcel Craig (D-Columbus), the other chief cosponsor, proposed the legislation after the Village of Brice in Central Ohio rolled out its civil violation system after being stripped of its mayors' court.

"Under this new system, village law enforcement has written more than 1,000 traffic citations, some for as much as \$1,500. Under the civil-violation system, tickets not paid within a certain time frame are charged an additional \$500 penalty," he said. "Citations have been written for speeding, suspended license and illegal window tints."

The sponsor said the Brice citations are not reported to the state BMV or the county court, and contested violations are subject to administrative hearings overseen by the village prosecutor, who has full discretion over the matter.

"This legislation would cap fines, fees and other charges that are in excess of, or not included in, the local municipal or county court's schedule of fines and costs. It would also specify the jurisdiction of municipal and county courts over municipal traffic ordinances," Rep. Craig said. "I believe this bill addresses what is a fundamental issue of fairness. This legislation will ensure our citizens are not falling victim to speed traps and excessive fees governed by a different set of rules beyond what state law prescribes."

The sponsor said the bill was crafted with input from the Ohio Judicial Conference, the Ohio Attorney General's office, Franklin County Sheriff's office and the Franklin County Municipal Clerk of Courts.

**HB 8** **RECORDS EXEMPTION (Hambley, S., Rezabek, J.)** To exempt from the Public Records Law certain information concerning a minor that is included in a record related to a traffic accident involving a school vehicle in which the minor was an occupant at the time of the accident. (CONTINUED; 2nd Hearing-Proponent)

William Horton, the parent of a child involved in a bus crash last year, testified in support of the measure, saying his son's private information was provided to law enforcement authorities following the incident by the Highland Local School District in Medina County. He became aware of that action, which was required under current law, after he received a letter regarding the incident. "I was shocked when I received solicitation in the mail from personal injury law firms," he said.

The information provided to authorities regarding his son and five other children on the bus included their ages, birth dates, addresses and phone numbers, he said.

Mr. Horton noted that info became a public record and was available on the internet, meaning it could be accessed by identity thieves and pedophiles.

Cloaking such information would prevent that from occurring, he said. "While House Bill 8 should calm parent's anxieties about the privacy of their children, more importantly it will protect the privacy of my son and all other children in the state of Ohio."

Written testimony in support was provided by the Buckeye Association of School Administrators and the Ohio Education Association. The committee was also presented with a resolution of support from the Highland Local school board.

**HB 95** **DISTRACTED DRIVING (Hughes, J., Seitz, B.)** To establish an enhanced penalty for committing a moving violation while distracted if the distraction is the apparent cause of the violation and to reenact provisions of law that specified that certain electronic wireless communications device violations were allied offenses of similar import. (CONTINUED; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**Rep. Jim Hughes** (R-Columbus) said the bill is nearly identical to legislation he sponsored last session, which passed the Senate unanimously (SB146, 131<sup>st</sup> General Assembly). It creates a secondary offense of distracted driving that can be applied if the officer witnesses the offense during the course of enforcement of a primary offense, such as running a red light.

"In today's world, current technology has aided in the creation of a society that is constantly communicating, whether it be texting, emailing, searching directions, surfing the web or listening to music. The dangers of taking part in these activities while behind the wheel are a harsh reality on our roads," he said.

"With all of these high-tech devices and society wanting to be connected at all times, it's so easy to get distracted when behind the wheel. The Ohio State Highway Patrol reports that there were 13,980 crashes in 2016 that involved distracted driving, resulting in 26 deaths and 4,960 injuries."

Rep. Hughes said the bill is backed by several safety-minded groups and other advocates, and no opponents emerged during testimony on this proposal or his version last session.

**Rep. Bill Seitz** (R-Cincinnati) stressed the secondary offense aspect of the bill, saying it served as a middle ground that garnered more support.

He likened the approach to the tack-on fines offenders incur while speeding in a construction zone, and noted the bill allows people to avoid the additional \$100 fine by taking a safe driving course.

Chairman **Sen. Joe Uecker** (R-Loveland) said questions over enforceability had arisen regarding the proposal and asked the sponsors to address that issue. He said he could think of only few circumstances where it would apply.

Rep. Seitz said it was a matter of the officers observing the offense at the right time. He said he observed numerous people using their smart phones while driving just this morning, adding that if he could see it then it shouldn't be a problem for a well-trained police officer.

**SB 160** **LICENSE FEES (Williams, S.)** To allow a court to authorize completion of a community service program in lieu of payment of driver's license reinstatement fees when the court determines that an offender cannot reasonably pay the fees. (CONTINUED; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**Sen. Sandra Williams** (D-Cleveland) said her measure, recommended by municipal court judges, "would allow a court to authorize completion of a community service program as an alternative means of paying driver's license reinstatement fees when the court determines that an offender cannot reasonably pay the fees. This bill will create another avenue through which citizens can restore their suspended licenses and give compensation to the state."

The sponsor cited statistics showing an increase in the number of license suspensions in the state and said driving under suspension is the top misdemeanor in Cleveland.

"Community service is a mutually beneficial system for the state and the courts working with hundreds of local charitable and governmental agencies," she said. "Community service programs like the Court Community Service have benefitted Ohio communities for decades and are designed to manage an efficient system of quality alternative sentencing that is responsive to the needs of the courts and community."

Sen. Williams said the process of carrying out community service in lieu of payment would require an offender to complete a community service application, demonstrate financial need or unemployment, and be able to perform the community service requirements.

California, Michigan and Vermont have enacted similar laws, the sponsor said. "These legislative changes represent the new approach states are taking to suspended licenses that works to keep offenders accountable and give them a chance to make amends without ending up in a cycle of unpaid fees."

Chairman Uecker asked how the community service would be selected. Sen. Williams said the court sanctions the work, and cited examples of counties where the community service was recommended by probation agencies.

**Governor's Appointments:** The chairman delayed action until next week on a set of appointments, saying the issue involved scheduling versus any controversies.

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**Judiciary**

**HB 223**      **STRUCTURED SETTLEMENTS (Dever, J.)** Relative to transfers of structured settlement payment rights. (**CONTINUED**; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)  
Sponsor **Rep. Jonathan Dever** (R-Cincinnati) said the bill would remove dual court approval from the state's structured settlement law, eliminate mandatory independent professional advice; add disclosure of effective annual interest rates, require in-person hearings, clarify standards of review, add disclosure of prior transfers and attempted transfers and clarify impacts of and liabilities for a transfer.  
The bill also maintains jurisdiction within the probate division of the Court of Common Pleas. It says a violation of or failure to comply with the current statute is an unfair or deceptive practice.  
The bill is a companion to another piece of legislation in the Senate (**SB 152**).

**HB 38**      **AGGRAVATED MURDER (Greenspan, D.)** To provide that purposely causing the death of a first responder or military member is aggravated murder and to require an offender to serve the prison term imposed for felonious assault on a peace officer, investigator, first responder, or military member consecutively to the prison term imposed for any related offense. (**CONTINUED**; 2nd Hearing-Proponent)

A number of law enforcement and first responders expressed support, including **Attorney General Mike DeWine**, who said the bill would help prosecutors by increasing penalties for those who commit violence against first responders or military members.

"Every day, men and women across our state commit their lives to arriving first at the scene of an accident or hostile situation," AG DeWine wrote. "I strongly encourage the passage of this legislation and appreciate your attention to this important matter."

U.S. Marshal Peter Elliott, of the Northern District of Ohio, said attacks against law enforcement officers are happening "with alarming frequency."

"We owe it to those who are willing to risk their lives on a daily basis to support legislation such as HB38," he said in prepared testimony. "No first responder should have to worry or wonder whether the call they are responding to is legitimate or is an attempt to lure them to a location. HB38 will protect our first responders and have a positive impact on our profession for generations and generations to come."

Frank Bova, the chief community and safety officer for Cuyahoga County, said raising the offense to a first-degree felony and adding mandatory sentencing will serve as a deterrent and provide peace of mind for first responders.

"Law enforcement officers, first responders and our military members while performing their duties should be protected from being the targets and have the peace of mind to know the legislators and citizens are protecting them, this bill assists in adding another layer of protection," he said.

**HB 6**      **CRIMINAL RECORDS (Barnes, J.)** To prohibit a person who publishes or disseminates criminal record information from soliciting or accepting a fee to remove, correct, modify, or refrain from publishing or otherwise disseminating the information and to provide criminal and civil remedies for a violation of the prohibition. (**CONTINUED**; 2nd Hearing-Proponent)



Earle B. Turner, clerk of the Cleveland Municipal Court, wrote in support of the bill. He said the city can't deny private companies access to the criminal database because of open records laws, so they must pass the records on. Those records deal with the case status at a specific date.

"However, case status can change over time. If any case is sealed, or if some adjustment is made in the record at our office, those changes are not reflected in the record previously sent to a company," he wrote.

Clerk Turner said the bill could offer welcome protections to people who might be vulnerable to the companies that post the information online.

**HB 94**      **MONTH DESIGNATION (Sykes, E., Perales, R.)** To designate February as "Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month." (CONTINUED; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

Sponsor **Rep. Emilia Sykes** (D-Akron) said making February Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month would help increase the focus on violence in relationships among teenagers. Violence can be physical, sexual, psychological or emotional, she said. "Violent behavior often begins between the ages of twelve and eighteen, and the severity of violence among intimate partners has been shown to increase if the abuse pattern was established in adolescence," she said.

**Rep. Rick Perales** (R-Beavercreek) said the issue is often overlooked.

"All forms of dating violence can negatively affect long-term health outcomes of the victims since many victims face depression, anxiety, and can exhibit anti-social behavior, all of which are corollaries with substance abuse," he said.

**SB 141**      **PAULDING COUNTY COURTS (Hite, C.)** To create the Paulding County Municipal Court in Paulding on January 1, 2019, to establish one full-time judgeship in that court, to provide for the nomination of the judge by petition only, to abolish the Paulding County County Court on that date, to designate the Paulding County Clerk of Courts as the clerk of the Paulding County Municipal Court, and to provide for the election for the Paulding County Municipal Court of one full-time judge in 2018. (CONTINUED; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

Sponsor **Sen. Cliff Hite** (R-Findlay) said the bill would abolish the Paulding County Court and create a Paulding County Municipal Court with a full-time judge, instead of a part-time judge.

"The problem this legislation is trying to address is simple-there are simply not enough hours in the day for our judge to attend to all necessary matters, not to mention giving citizens' voices an adequate amount of time to be heard and considered when she is forced to work on only a part time basis," he said. "This part time schedule has created a backlog of hearings often extending weeks and even months ahead."

The expansion of U.S. Route 24, he said, has led to an increase of tickets, accidents and moving violations in the jurisdiction, increasing the workload of the court.

"The court is only in session three days out of the week and simply does not have enough time to process the increased number of cases and related administrative work," he said.

"Out of these three days, there is only one available day for jury trials that are already occurring at an increased rate than in previous years."

Chairman **Sen. Kevin Bacon** (R-Minerva Park) asked about the funding of the court, including what the state's share of funding would be. The sponsor said he would get the answer to the committee.

**Sen. Michael Skindell** (D-Lakewood) said usually the Ohio Supreme Court will do an analysis of caseloads and make a recommendation. Sen. Hite said the judge has been working on the issue.

**SB 158** **ELDER FRAUD (Wilson, S.)** To develop best practices and educational opportunities to combat elder fraud and exploitation and to fine and require full restitution from offenders who are found guilty of certain fraud-related crimes against the elderly. (CONTINUED (See separate story); 2nd Hearing-Proponent)

**SB 183** **BUSINESS COURTS (LaRose, F.)** To create the Joint Committee to Study Ohio Business Courts. (CONTINUED; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

Sponsor **Sen. Frank LaRose** (R-Copley) said the bill would create a study committee to look at how Ohio could become a better place to start and develop businesses.

The bill would examine what effect a special court focusing on business issues, such as the Court of Chancery in Delaware, would have in attracting businesses to Ohio.

"This unique court is successful due to the cases they hear and the judges that preside over them," he said. "The judges that sit on the court are business experts with years of experience in corporate law. Due to their background, the judges are better equipped to make rulings in regards to business questions."

The bill would create a study committee of legislators, judges, business leaders and others to examine how the court would benefit the state.

#### **Finance**

**HB 132** **FANTASY CONTESTS (Dever, J., McColley, R.)** To grant the Ohio Casino Control Commission the authority to regulate fantasy contests and to exempt fantasy contests from the gambling laws. (CONTINUED (See separate story); 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**HB 54** **REVENUE OBLIGATIONS (Blessing, L., Gavarone, T.)** To authorize the Treasurer of State to issue revenue obligations of the state for the purpose of making loans to qualifying public entities for their acquisition of permanent improvements through the Treasurer of State's purchase of public obligations of those qualifying entities. (CONTINUED; 2nd Hearing-Proponent)

Lizz Lewis, director of legislative, policy and constituent affairs for the State Treasurer's Office, said the bill would create a bond bank as a financing vehicle for local governments.

"Rather than directly issuing bonds in the municipal market, a local government obtains a loan from the bond bank secured by a loan agreement," she said.

The bill would allow the state to reduce fees and work for local governments through economies of scale, and by using the experience of the state's debt management department.

**Sen. Michael Skindell** (D-Lakewood) asked if the bonds from the local governments would be backed by the state's full faith and credit.

Jonathan Azoff, director of debt management for the treasurer's office, said there is language in the bill ensuring they wouldn't be, and that he did not believe Moody's or other rating agencies would consider the bonds in the state's ratings.

**Governor's Appointments:** The committee voted unanimously to recommend full Senate approval of the following nominees: Alberto Jones, University of Cincinnati Board of Trustees; Alice Stephens, Stark State College of Technology Board of Trustees; Angela Mingo, James Brady and Sean Whalen, State Lottery Commission; Steven Moore and Brett Rappold, Shawnee State University Board of Trustees; Day'Shawn Jones, Central State University Board of Trustees; F. Patrick D'Eramo, Hedyeh Elahinia and Patrick Kenney, University of Toledo Board of Trustees; Robert Hankins, Jon Holt and James Dicke, Ohio Arts Council; Jessica Peck, Kent State University Board of Trustees; Joshua Thomas, University of Akron Board of Trustees; Kyle Johnson, Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees; Nygeria Hicks, Central State University Board of Trustees; Stephanie Green, Wright State University Board of Trustees.

#### **Health, Human Services & Medicaid**

**SB 164** **ABORTION (LaRose, F.)** To prohibit a person from performing, inducing, or attempting to perform or induce an abortion on a pregnant woman who is seeking the abortion because an unborn child has or may have Down Syndrome. **(CONTINUED (See separate story); 3rd Hearing-Opponent)**

**SB 182** **OUTDOOR DINING (Coley, B.)** To generally allow an owner-keeper or harbinger of a dog to take the dog in an outdoor dining area of a retail food establishment or food service operation. **(CONTINUED; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)**

**Sen. Bill Coley** (R-Liberty Twp.) said the bill is in response to local health departments banning dogs from restaurant and bar patios - a move that isn't in line with business interests or the intent of state code.

"I have heard first hand from restaurant owners across the state that would like to explore this option," said the sponsor, who often has his two dogs in tow while traveling.

"Additionally, patrons can decide for themselves, using their hard-earned money, whether they want to eat at a restaurant where dogs are permitted on the patio."

In response to questions from **Sen. Edna Brown** (D-Toledo), who said she is "terrified" of dogs, Sen. Coley said dogs would not be permitted to go through an indoor space to get to a patio.

He told her he wouldn't support including a provision that would require restaurant owners to remove pets from patios if a patron complained of allergies to dogs.

"I don't think we want to put in revised code the ability to force everyone to comply with my rather unique circumstances," Sen. Coley said, referring to allergies.

Answering additional questions from the patio, he said the legislation would not require restaurant owners to allow pets on their patios and would not require them to post signs stating their policies.

#### **Government Oversight & Reform**

**SJR 1**

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS (Huffman, M.)** Application to the Congress of the United States for a Convention of the States under Article V of the Constitution of the United States that is limited to proposing amendments that impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the terms of office for its officials and Members of Congress. (CONTINUED; 5th Hearing-All testimony)

Ellen Horton, a retired teacher, said she was concerned about Ohio joining the move to call for a convention to amend the U.S. Constitution. An Article V convention, she said, would be an unnecessary risk. It doesn't specify a method for selecting delegates, and allows Congress to set the agenda.

She said the Congress already has a mandate for a balanced budget, and that they do not follow it, and there is no reason to believe they would follow one after a convention.

Chuck Michaelis, vice president of the Institute for Principled Policy, said the original constitutional convention was initially called by the states to do only limited changes to the Articles of Confederation, and that the strongly worded resolutions of the state did not stop the convention from creating an entirely new constitution.

"The ratification and amendment procedure was done 27 times, and there's no reason why it can't work again," he said.

Chairman **Sen. Bill Coley** (R-Liberty Twp.) asked why now would not be the time to call a convention, with the national debt at \$20 trillion and the federal government requiring people to buy health insurance.

Mr. Michaelis said the Constitution already restricts federal power, but it is not enforced.

The committee also heard from former U.S. Sen. Jim DeMint, of South Carolina, who spoke in support of the resolution. He said a convention to amend the Constitution would allow the states to ensure the original intent of the document was followed. Mr. DeMint also testified on companion legislation in the House Tuesday (*See separate story*)

"They are no longer structurally capable in Washington of stopping spending or the expansion of power," he said. "Unless states act, the only way Washington is going to stop spending is with some type of cataclysmic economic meltdown."

Sen. Coley asked if he saw a possibility for the federal government to rein in some of its spending and power if the states get close to approving a convention.

"As states discuss federalism and discuss this idea, they will insist on more of their own control," Mr. DeMint said.

**HB 213**

**REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS (Dever, J.)** To change the definition of "appraisal" for purposes of the Real Estate Appraiser Licensing Law, to make changes to certain procedures and the exceptions to licensure under that law, to regulate appraisal management companies, and to declare an emergency. (CONTINUED; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

Sponsor **Rep. Jonathan Dever** (R-Cincinnati) said the bill would establish licensing requirements for appraisal management companies and bring Ohio into compliance with federal regulations.

Appraisal management companies, he said, are third-party companies hired by lenders to work with appraisers on residential properties, serving functions that used to be done by the lending institutions themselves.

Rep. Dever said the bill would safeguard appraiser independence and protect against fraud, provide quality assurance to consumers, lenders and the secondary market, and protect public safety through background checks.

The sponsor said the state needs to act within the timeframe allowed by federal law or it could jeopardize federally subsidized home mortgages.

"We are up against the timeline here, this is something that needs to get done this fall," he said.

**HB 31** **GOVERNMENT CONTRACTING (Cupp, R.)** To abolish the Government Contracting Advisory Council. (CONTINUED (No testimony); 3rd Hearing-All testimony)

**SB 139** **LEGAL MATERIALS (Skindell, M., Eklund, J.)** To adopt the Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act. (CONTINUED (No testimony); 3rd Hearing-All testimony)

**SB 163** **COUNTY INVESTMENTS (Wilson, S.)** To modify the qualifications regarding notes eligible for investment of county inactive moneys. (CONTINUED (No testimony); 3rd Hearing-All testimony)

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## Daily Activity Planner for Wednesday, September 13

### Legislative Committees

House Health (Committee Record) (Chr. Huffman, S., 466-8114), Rm. 121, 9 a.m.

- HB 252** **AWARENESS MONTH** (Huffman, S.) To designate the month of January as "Blood Donor Awareness Month." (2nd Hearing-Proponent & opponent-Possible vote)
- HB 231** **CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES** (Ginter, T., Sprague, R.) To require pharmacists to offer to dispense controlled substances in lockable or tamper-evident containers. (3rd Hearing-Opponent)
- HB 214** **ABORTION** (LaTourette, S., Merrin, D.) To prohibit a person from performing, inducing, or attempting to perform or induce an abortion on a pregnant woman who is seeking the abortion because an unborn child has or may have Down Syndrome. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 184** **DENTISTRY** (Gavarone, T., DeVitis, T.) To authorize the provision of dental services through teledentistry, to require a proposal for creation of a primary care dental student component of the Choose Ohio First Scholarship Program, and to make other changes to the laws governing the practices of dentistry and dental hygiene. (4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)
- HB 244** **AWARENESS MONTH** (Patterson, J.) To designate the month of June as "Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month." (1st Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

House Transportation & Public Safety (Committee Record) (Chr. Green, D., 644-6034), Rm. 017, 9 a.m.

- HB 71** **LICENSE PLATE DISPLAY** (DeVitis, T.) To specify that failure to display a license plate on the front of a motor vehicle that is required to display a front license plate is a secondary traffic offense and to establish a maximum fine of \$100 for such an offense. (4th Hearing-Interested party)
- HB 188** **LICENSE PLATES** (Henne, M.) To authorize the owner or operator of a specialty kit car to display a license plate only on the rear of the car if the owner or operator pays a \$150 fee. (3rd Hearing-Opponent)
- HB 206** **AIR COMMISSION** (Barnes, J.) To create the Commercial Airline and Air Freight Commission. (3rd Hearing-Opponent)
- HB 255** **TOWNSHIP OFFICERS** (Hambley, S.) To authorize a township officer who serves a population of greater than 5,000 to make arrests for specified traffic offenses on interstate highways within and adjacent to the officer's territory and to prohibit townships from using traffic law photo-monitoring devices on interstate highways. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

**HB 257** **ROAD NAMING (Green, D.)** To designate a portion of U.S. Route 68 in Brown County as the "Army Specialist David Lee Bingamon Memorial Highway." (1st Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

**HB 260** **DRIVING PRIVILEGES (Butler, J., Sykes, E.)** To require a court to grant limited driving privileges to a person in relation to a driver's license suspension under certain circumstances. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**HB 261** **LICENSE PLATE (Anielski, M., Roegner, K.)** To create the Walsh Jesuit license plate. (1st Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

**HB 266** **LICENSE PLATE (Roegner, K.)** To create the "Twinsburg City Schools" license plate. (1st Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

**House Government Accountability & Oversight (Committee Record) (Chr. Blessing, L., 466-9091), Rm. 114, 9:30 a.m.**

**HB 226** **FIREWORKS (Seitz, B., Sweeney, M.)** To establish a fireworks study group to review and make recommendations regarding the Fireworks Law, to extend to July 1, 2020, the moratorium on issuing fireworks manufacturer and wholesaler licenses, to eliminate, beginning January 1, 2021, the moratorium on geographic transfer of fireworks manufacturer and wholesaler licenses, and, beginning July 1, 2020, to impose a fee on the retail sale of consumer grade fireworks in this state and to expand the ability of individuals to obtain 1.3G display fireworks and obtain and use 1.4G consumer fireworks. (5th Hearing-Possible amendments & vote)

**House Insurance (Committee Record) (Chr. Brinkman, T., 644-6886), Rm. 116, 10 a.m.**

**HB 156** **VISION CARE INSURANCE (Schuring, K.)** Regarding limitations imposed by health insurers on vision care services. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

**HB 268** **WORKERS COMPENSATION (Henne, M.)** To make changes to the Workers' Compensation Law with respect to self-insuring employers. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**HB 269** **WORKERS COMPENSATION (Henne, M.)** To rename the entities who carry out workers' compensation functions in this state, to require the Administrator of Worker Safety and Rehabilitation to develop incentives for employers to participate in safety consultations and loss prevention programs, to require an employee who is receiving temporary total disability compensation to comply with a return to work plan, and to make changes with respect to compensation for permanent total disability and death benefits. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**House Higher Education & Workforce Development (Committee Record) (Chr. Duffey, M., 644-6030), Rm. 115, 11 a.m.**

**HB 166** **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (Reineke, B., Cupp, R.)** To revise the laws governing the state's workforce development system, programs that may be offered by primary and secondary schools, certificates of qualification for employment, and the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency, and

to designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week. (4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible substitute & vote)

**SB 3**

**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (Beagle, B., Balderson, T.)** To revise the laws governing the state's workforce development system, programs that may be offered by primary and secondary schools, certificates of qualification for employment, and the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency, and to designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week. (4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible substitute & vote)

**House Session (Committee Record) (Chr. Rosenberger, C., 466-3357), House Chamber, 1:30 p.m.**

**House Civil Justice (Committee Record) (Chr. Butler, J., 644-6008), Rm. 122, 2:30 p.m. or after session**

**HB 267**

**POLITICAL SUBDIVISION LIABILITY (Ingram, C.)** To eliminate certain defenses to political subdivision liability for an employee's negligent operation of a motor vehicle and to reduce damages recoverable against a political subdivision in such actions by the contributory fault of the plaintiff or other parties. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**HB 271**

**ACCESSIBILITY LAWS (McColley, R., Rezabek, J.)** To authorize an alleged aggrieved party to provide a notice of an alleged accessibility law violation in advance of filing a civil action and to establish the circumstances under which an alleged aggrieved party is entitled to attorney's fees in a civil action based on the violation. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**House Armed Services, Veterans Affairs & Homeland Security (Committee Record) (Chr. Johnson, T., 466-2124), Rm. 116, 4 p.m.**

**HB 238**

**VETERANS WAIVER (Retherford, W., Brenner, A.)** To establish the Veterans Fee Waiver Program. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**HB 254**

**POW/MIA FLAG (Wiggam, S.)** To enact the POW/MIA Remembrance Act requiring the POW/MIA flag to be displayed at certain buildings operated by the state on Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, National POW/MIA Recognition Day, and Veterans' Day. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

## **Agency Calendar**

**Southern Ohio Agricultural & Community Development Foundation, Foundation Office, 100 S. High Street, Hillsboro, 9 a.m. (Agriculture Development Committee)**

**State Medical Board, 3rd Fl., 30 E. Broad St., Columbus, 9:45 a.m. (Committee meetings begin at 7:30 a.m.)**

**Petroleum Underground Storage Tank Release Compensation Board, Suite 1500, 50 W. Broad St., Columbus, 10 a.m.**

**Board of Building Appeals, 6606 Tussing Road, Training Room 1, Reynoldsburg, 12:30 p.m.**

**BWC Board of Directors, Rm. 2, Level 2, 30 W. Spring St., Columbus, 1:30 p.m. (Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee)**



## **Event Planner**

**Rep. Jonathan Dever (R-Cincinnati) fundraiser, deNOVO, 150 S. High Street, Columbus, 11:30 a.m., (Chair: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Sponsor: \$350 to Friends of Jonathan Dever)**

**Rep. Mark Romanchuk (R-Mansfield) & Rep. Scott Wiggam (R-Wooster) fundraiser, Little Palace, 240 S. 4th Street, Columbus, 5 p.m., (Chair: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Sponsor: \$350 to Romanchuk for State Rep and/or Committee for Wiggam)**

**Rep. Jim Hughes (R-Columbus) fundraiser, Plank's Cafe, 743 Parsons Avenue, Columbus, 5 p.m., (Platinum Level - \$2,500; Gold Level - \$1,500; Silver Level - \$1,000; Bronze - \$500 or \$350 per person to Committee for Jim Hughes)**  
**Ohio House Democratic Caucus welcome reception, Dempsey's Food & Spirits, 346 S. High Street, Columbus, 5:30 p.m.**

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**High Court Hears Oral Arguments In Abortion Clinic Transfer Agreement Case**

The fate of Toledo's only remaining abortion clinic could hinge on what a majority of Ohio Supreme Court justices deem to be "local."

Attorney Stephen P. Carney, representing the state, was asked several times Tuesday about the decision to shutter Capital Care Network of Toledo after the center was determined to have violated state law because a patient transfer agreement it had inked with an Ann Arbor hospital was not deemed to be "local."

Mr. Carney said a 30-minute standard was used to determine that the abortion clinic's agreement with a hospital that was 52 miles away did not comply with state law and regulations.

But Justice Terrence O'Donnell questioned whether the rule specifically mentions "local."

Mr. Carney said there is no mention of the word in the rule. However, he said it specifically cites cases of emergency.

"You can't say that there's no geographical requirement at all to the rule, because then it wouldn't be safe for emergencies," he said.

Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor asked if the 30-minute standard is explicitly laid out in either the statute or rule.

The standard was developed by the former director of the Department of Health, Mr. Carney said. He added that part of the rationale was that residents who are on call are required to be within 30 minutes of a facility.

"I would presume the resident is not being transported by an ambulance," Chief Justice O'Connor responded.

Mr. Carney also sought to refute the abortion clinic's claim that the law, which was included in the in the 2014-15 state budget (HB59 130th General Assembly), violates the single-subject rule.

"It's not just about dollars alone. It's about operations of state government," he said.

The state's attorney also told the justices that undue burden, a standard created by the U.S. Supreme Court in the case of *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*, is not at issue in the case because it was not raised by the clinic at the trial court or appellate court level.

"They deliberately decided not to raise undue burden, and we should hold them to that," he said.

However, Chief Justice O'Connor noted that the issue was raised in the decisions of the trial court and appellate court, both of which sided with the clinic, which has remained open.

"What's the alternative for women in this area?" she asked.

Mr. Carney said Toledo-area women seeking abortion services would likely have to travel to Ann Arbor or Detroit.

Attorney Jennifer L. Branch, representing the clinic, urged the justices to uphold the lower court decisions, saying the undue burden issue is fair game. Because upholding the law would likely require Toledo-area women seeking an abortion to make two round trips to Ann Arbor, Detroit or Cleveland, it does place an undue burden on them, and could lead to unlawful abortions, she said.

"Before *Roe v. Wade*, women died from unlawful abortions," Ms. Branch said.

Justice Patrick Fischer circled back to the single-subject argument, questioning what in the record shows "a manifestly gross or fraudulent violation."

Ms. Branch said slipping the provision into a 2,700-page bill with "no debate, discussion or transparency" is emblematic of "evils the Ohio Constitution found needed to be avoided."

"I think it's very clear, and the state doesn't dispute that, the local transfer agreement has nothing to do with the bill," she said.

Ms. Branch pointed out that the clinic at one point had a written transfer agreement with a University of Toledo hospital before lawmakers precluded public facilities from signing such agreements.

That led Chief Justice O'Connor to question whether any other surgical facilities are precluded from entering into written transfer agreements with public hospitals.

Only abortion clinics are excluded, Ms. Branch said.

During his rebuttal, Mr. Carney was asked by Chief Justice O'Connor about the state's rationale for such a narrow restriction.

"The U.S. Supreme Court has said that public hospitals are different," he said.

The case stirred controversy after Justice Sharon Kennedy spoke at a Greater Toledo Right to Life event in March. That led NARAL Pro-Choice Ohio and Ms. Branch to unsuccessfully call on her to recuse herself in the case.

ProgressOhio also filed an ethics complaint against Justice Kennedy that was dismissed.

### **Groups Voice Support For Elder Fraud Bill Before Senate Committee**

Representatives from nursing facilities, the banking industry and county job and family services departments all expressed support Tuesday for a bill aimed at fighting elder fraud.

The legislation (SB 158) would add more professionals, including bankers, to the list of people who are mandatory reporters for suspected fraud against older Ohioans. It would also levy fines that go to counties to promote adult protective services.

Supporters told the Senate Judiciary Committee that the bill would be a step toward combating an issue that is often not reported.

Nisha Hammel, director of advocacy for LeadingAge Ohio, said elder abuse is vastly underreported, in part because it is often committed by family members and care providers. Victims can also be ashamed of being exploited, and some who are exploited might not be aware of it due to memory loss or other cognitive impairments.

"Financial exploitation is particularly harmful to seniors, because it depletes them of limited resources at a time in their lives when they are most reliant on fixed income sources and are least able to replenish savings through employment wages," she said. "This has a direct impact on state Medicaid rolls, speeding the exhaustion of personal assets and expediting Medicaid enrollment."

LeadingAge supported the bill as a multi-pronged approach to fighting elder abuse, she said. It meets that description by increasing public awareness, imposing higher penalties, increasing professional education, expanding the pool of mandatory reporters and using fines to fund programs to combat the problem.

"We are particularly supportive of this bill's reach beyond the traditional helping professions-health care providers such as nurses and social workers- to incorporate the strengths of financial planners, banking professionals and others," Ms. Hammel said.

Sen. Bill Coley (R-Liberty Twp.) said he was concerned about unintended consequences. He said he wanted to ensure there wouldn't be civil liability for bankers and other reporters.

Ms. Hammel said the bill says there would be no liability unless there was malicious intent in not reporting it.

Sen. Coley said that language could still lead to unnecessary lawsuits.

"I think we want to make it clear that these entities are encouraged to report but we would create no civil liability," he said.

Dustin Holfinger, vice president of state government relations for the Ohio Bankers League, said the bill would help address a form of fraud that is underreported in Ohio.

"The Ohio Bankers League believes that Senate Bill 158 will protect Ohio's elderly in the multi-faceted way that is required," he said. "By requiring vetted best practices and standards and increasing the opportunity for collaboration between the departments of job and family services, adult protective service agencies and other financial institution trade organizations, Senate Bill 158 will help facilitate the required ongoing education that is necessary for our employees to proactively protect the elderly in our community."

Developing relationships between financial institutions, law enforcement and adult protective services will improve the detection and prosecution of elder fraud, Mr. Holfinger added.

Sen. Scott Oelslager (R-N. Canton) suggested the best practices could be done through the rulemaking process.

Mr. Holfinger said many of the best practices are already in development right now.

"Through the rules process is probably not a bad idea, that way it's more easily implemented across the state," he said.

Joel Potts, executive director of the Ohio Job and Family Services Directors' Association, said the exploitation of seniors is also rising as a result of the opioid epidemic.

The bill acknowledges that the adult protective services system is underfunded, he said. Many counties don't have the funding to provide one full-time adult protective services employee.

"This legislation's going to help us in a lot of ways," he said. "It's going to update the laws on exploitation, which we need to do. It's going to increase awareness. It's going to increase collaboration."

### **Restrictions On Employer-Mandated Flu Vaccines Move Forward**

A House panel on Tuesday reported a bill that protects employees who refuse employer-mandated flu vaccinations, but only after adopting a compromise amendment from Rep. Dave Greenspan.

The discussion took place during the bill's (HB 293) fourth hearing before the House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor Committee, shortly before members voted 8-5 to report it.

Rep. Greenspan (R-Westlake) said the amendment preserves the bill's language prohibiting an employer from terminating an employee who opts not to receive a vaccination. But it also enables employers to create a "reasonable alternative policy" to protect the workplace in that event.

"Obviously there are two sides to every issue - two very passionate sides," Rep. Greenspan said. "We tried to identify a balance, a practical compromise."

Specifically, the change states: "An employer may require an employee who has not been or will not be vaccinated against influenza to comply with a reasonable alternative policy adopted by the employer to protect health and safety in the workplace."

Rep. Christina Hagan (R-Alliance), who sponsored the legislation, said she supported the new language and that even the bill's staunchest supporters found it a "reasonable accommodation."

Responding to a question from Rep. Ron Hood (R-Ashville), Rep. Greenspan said the language was left intentionally vague at the request of employers who are seeking flexibility in establishing those alternative policies.

The committee also adopted an amendment from Rep. Thomas West (D-Canton) that includes language stating the bill's provisions only apply to the influenza vaccine and not to other diseases until such a change is backed by "overwhelmingly scientific consensus."

Rep. Hagan told the committee that although she viewed the language as duplicative, she did not oppose it since it won't change the substance of the bill.

Other Democratic members attempted to offer three other amendments, only to be ruled out of order by Chairman Rep. Ron Young (R-Leroy). That's because their language impacted provisions that had already amended by Rep. Greenspan.

Several proponents and opponents submitted written testimony. Several groups, including the Ohio Hospital Association, the Children's Hospital Association, the Ohio State Medical Association, the Ohio Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, submitted joint opponent testimony.

The bill, they argued, would not only drive up healthcare costs but place older adults, pregnant women and very young children at risk of serious flu-related complications.

"We appreciate the efforts of the committee to consider amendments that would provide additional options for employers," the groups wrote. "However, we remain concerned that the legislation does not provide sufficient flexibility for hospitals and physicians. It is

of utmost importance that hospitals and health care providers have the ability to manage their facilities and practices the way they feel is best to protect health and safety."

Although proponents said research shows flu vaccinations are "effective and safe," opponents argued that forcing employees to receive them is a violation of medical rights.

Jane Orient, executive director of the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons Inc., wrote that employer-mandated influenza vaccinations are a "direct violation" of an employee's right to informed medical consent.

"The patient's right of informed consent, which includes the right to withhold consent, is an essential civil liberty," she testified. "When government or another entity is allowed to dictate medical decisions for us, we in essence surrender our human rights. That can easily lead to a slippery slope for humanity."

**Subscribers Note:** For full testimony see the committee's website under Sept. 12.

### **Opponents: Abortion Bill Would Hinder Patient-Doctor Relationships**

Physicians and medical students on Tuesday spoke out against a bill banning abortions based on Down syndrome diagnoses, saying it would jeopardize their relationships with patients.

That's because the measure (SB 164) would penalize physicians who provide abortions to women who had knowledge of Down syndrome diagnoses, they told the Senate Health, Human Services & Medicaid Committee. Physicians could be charged with a fourth-degree felony and lose their license under the bill.

Parvaneh Nouri, a third-year medical student and masters of public health student at Wright State University, said the bill wouldn't likely stop abortions, but would simply result in fewer women confiding in their doctors.

"Bills like SB164 criminalize physicians by instituting a grossly inappropriate intrusion of the doctor-patient relationship," she said.

"It destroys the trust of our patients for which we have worked tirelessly over generations of physicians to cultivate and continuously strive to preserve. While this bill would criminalize an abortion provider, a small subset of practicing physicians, it would attack the binding fellowship of all physicians."

Supporters urged lawmakers to approve the bill last month. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, August 22, 2017)

Not only will withholding information from doctors result in diminished care, said Erika Boothman, a physician resident specializing in obstetrics and gynecology, but it could also mean fewer women are able to work through a Down syndrome diagnosis with a trusted professional.

"I want to practice obstetrics and gynecology in a state in which my patients are permitted to communicate openly with me," she said. "If this bill passes, my patients will likely feel less comfortable discussing the complications of Down syndrome with me for fear of legal recourse if they do eventually choose termination. Patients with high risk pregnancies and fetal anomalies need more support and counseling, not less."

Countering arguments made previously by proponents of the measure, Ms. Boothman added that her training called for non-directive and informative counseling when addressing genetically abnormal pregnancies - never coercion to terminate.

Answering questions from the committee, she said women are less likely to pursue genetic testing, which can take place at about 10 weeks into pregnancy, if they're planning to seek an abortion.

Kellie Copeland, executive director of NARAL Pro-Choice Ohio, questioned how a court would be able to prove that a doctor or patient had knowledge of a Down syndrome diagnosis before respectively performing or seeking an abortion.

There are many reasons women chose to seek abortions, she said, and learning that they'll have a child with disabilities makes the decision process even more complex.

Those who receive a Down syndrome diagnosis will have to consider whether they have appropriate support systems, adequate access to health care, financial means to care for a child with disabilities, and access to specialists and schooling options for a disabled child, Ms. Copeland said.

"Does this legislation help address any of these issues? No, it does not," she said, pointing out that Ohio lawmakers have long sought to reverse Medicaid expansion that could be useful to mothers of disabled children.

She said the outlook for mothers of children with Down syndrome in Ohio is also grim because 45.9% don't have paid leave to care for children and the Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities has determined that special education funding is \$210 million dollars short of what is needed.

"During a pregnancy, a woman can be faced with many deeply personal and often complex decisions," Ms. Copeland said. "Ultimately, decisions about whether to choose adoption, end a pregnancy, or raise a child must be left to the woman and the counsel of those she trusts--her family, her health care provider, and her faith community-not the legislature."

The committee also heard from Susan K. Smith, vice chair of the Ohio Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice, and ACLU of Ohio lobbyist Gary Daniels. Both opposed the measure.

**Subscribers Note:** Full testimony is available on the committee's website under Sept. 12.



## **Lawmaker Pushes Submetering Regulation Bill, Slams PUCO Approach**

Rep. Mike Duffey urged members of the House Public Utilities Committee Tuesday to support his bill on submetering company oversight while labeling the Public Utilities Commission's recent rulings on the matter "ham-handed."

The bill (HB 249) is one of two legislative efforts (SB 157) that seeks to rein in submetering companies - entities like landlords serving as middlemen between residents and utility providers that critics slam for charging rates above those of traditional utilities.

The Worthington Republican said during the bill's first hearing that he believes this proposal is the only one pending that would accomplish granting renters or those living in condominiums the same protections enjoyed by owners of single-family homes. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, June 28, 2017)

Rep. Duffey told committee members that the PUCO has signaled to him in conversations that it would embrace broader authority to protect consumers in this realm. The alternative, he said, would leave regulation up to home rule, ushering in a patchwork of varying regulation across the state.

"I think we want uniform standards applied statewide that are fair and consistent," Rep. Duffey said. "That's what this legislation does. It puts to rest the argument about who has jurisdiction by saying, essentially: 'PUCO, you definitely have jurisdiction.'"

The bill would require the PUCO to within one year adopt rules that: ensure pricing does not exceed those of a direct utility, protect consumers to the same degree as customers of a direct utility, and require common area charges to be included in rent rather than utilities since a customer has no control over them.

"If these standards are met, then I believe we may be much closer to a fair situation," Rep. Duffey said. "And we will have done so without banning submetering if it is the desire of the legislature to keep this industry in business."

He argued the role of ensuring consumer protections should fall to lawmakers and that he "can't trust the PUCO" in the matter. When Rep. John Rogers (D-Mentor-on-the-Lake) sought clarification on that statement, the sponsor replied that the PUCO has no statutory timeline in which it must resolve cases.

"That can be prejudicial for plaintiffs because if you bring a case (to the PUCO) you cannot appeal to a court unless they rule," he said. "That effectively blocks all appeals and makes them judge and jury and Supreme Court."

The PUCO in June established a zero-threshold rule in which the commission can regulate submeterers on a case-by-case basis if they are charging more than what a regulated utility would charge. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, June 21, 2017)

But Rep. Duffey called that ruling "ham-handed" in that it allows submeterers to continue charging up to that threshold and said submetering arguably could already be viewed as illegal if not for PUCO rulings to the contrary.

Rep. Duffey also shared with the committee his Sept. 4 letter to PUCO Chairman Asim Haque questioning whether the PUCO's recent rulings on submetering failed to adhere to Revised Code by circumventing the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review process. In the letter, Rep. Duffey informed Mr. Haque he may call members of the PUCO to testify on the matter.

PUCO spokesman Matt Schilling said the commission had only recently received the letter from Rep. Duffey, who chairs JCARR, and has not yet responded. He added that the submetering case is still pending a rehearing, meaning the discussion at the commission level is not yet over. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, August 16, 2017)

Along with his testimony, Rep. Duffey also shared with the committee an analysis he requested from the Legislative Service Commission examining the rates of submeterer Nationwide Energy Partners with those of AEP Ohio.

It was NEP's operations - and an NEP customer's complaint - that kicked off the PUCO investigation that ultimately led to the recent rulings. NEP CEO Gary Morsches had previously contended the company's rates are equivalent to its regulated counterparts. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, June 22, 2017)

But the LSC study, drawing comparison between seven bills, found that all seven showed NEP's charges exceeded those of AEP's for the same amount of metered usage by between \$4.50 and \$38.08 per month.

NEP did not respond to a phone call or email requesting comment, but the LSC analysis notes that the company "told LSC that charges for common area electricity are reflected in customers' bills, though they are not categorized as metered usage. Consequently, the company does not regard a comparison with residential rates for the same amount of metered usage as stated on the end user's bill as a true apples-to-apples comparison."

Given that, LSC urges the comparison to be viewed "with caution," but when LSC requested NEP provide an apples-to-apples comparison, LSC wrote, NEP "did not provide the requested information."

Ohio Consumers' Counsel Bruce Weston, in a statement, applauded Rep. Duffey's proposal. The OCC has opposed the Senate bill, arguing it doesn't go far enough in protecting customers.

"House Bill 249 would provide long-needed protections for those Ohioans buying utility services from middlemen who resell the local utility's service," Mr. Weston said. "The bill could safeguard these consumers against paying higher charges with fewer benefits for

utility service, compared to consumers who can purchase service directly from the utility. Ohio consumers would benefit from passage of this legislation."

### **House Committee Continues Focus On Gun Bills**

A House panel reviewing three gun measures moved closer Tuesday to advancing a controversial bill on alerting police officers to the presence of guns during traffic stops.

The legislation (HB 142) was originally intended to eliminate the requirement that concealed handgun licensees notify law enforcement of their status during traffic stops.

But a substitute version of the measure offered by Rep. Glenn Holmes (D-McDonald) and adopted by the House Federalism & Interstate Relations Committee modifies the notification requirement. Under the change, a stopped motorist with a concealed handgun must provide the disclosure when asked for a driver's license or state identification card. (Comp Doc)

The bill had come under fire from law enforcement officials who warned that it could place officers in danger. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, May 23, 2017)

The original version of the bill also sought to remove any criminal penalties for failure to comply with the notification requirement. The substitute version, however, caps the fine for failure to comply at \$25 and removes the possibility of having a concealed handgun license suspended for failure to comply.

Rep. David Leland (D-Columbus) questioned the deterrence effect a \$25 fine would have on individuals.

"I think \$25 is a big deal. I think it is a penalty," sponsoring Rep. Scott Wiggam (R-Wooster) said, adding that the current penalty is a fine of up to \$1,000 and six months in jail, which he called "draconian."

The changes were not enough to get the Buckeye State Sheriffs' Association on board. The group remains neutral on the bill, but in a letter to Rep. Kirk Schuring (R-Canton), Executive Director Robert Cornwell said the changes create for license holders "a clear line of distinction as to when they are required to notify the law enforcement officer that they are a licensee."

"This clarification will benefit all those concerned," he wrote.

The Buckeye Firearms Association gave the substitute bill its blessing, writing that the measure is "good legislation which solved problems which have existed since the first days of concealed carry in Ohio."

"It is good public policy which eliminates vagueness and protects both license holders and law enforcement," BFA's James Irvine wrote.

Chair Rep. Kristina Roegner (R-Hudson) said she expects to vote on the bill at the committee's next meeting.

The panel also unanimously voted to move a bill (HB 79) to provide firearms training to tactical medical professionals and allow them to carry firearms while on duty.

John Gilchrist, legislative counsel for the Ohio Association of Police Chiefs, laid out three reasons for opposing the measure. He said the bill should be amended to clarify that a tactical medical professional can only go armed when providing medical or nursing assistance when requested by law enforcement officials. He also called for language to clarify that they will not be performing law enforcement activities.

Mr. Gilchrist also requested that language be added to ensure that tactical medical professionals do not have the authority to carry in their capacity as an EMT, nurse, physician or civilian without a concealed handgun license.

A third gun-related bill received its first hearing. Sponsored by Rep. Larry Householder (R-Glenford) and Rep. Laura Lanese (R-Grove City), the bill (HB 253) would allow law enforcement officers to carry firearms while off duty in places otherwise prohibited for handgun licensees.

Rep. Householder said the bill would allow law enforcement officers to carry in places such as courthouses, school safety zones, churches and government buildings.

"Unfortunately, it is not difficult to recall tragedies in each of these 'gun-free zones.' The more trained men and women in this country protecting us, the better," he said.

Rep. Lanese said the bill has the potential to stop mass casualty events.

"Unfortunately, we know that active shooter and other violent criminals can attack anywhere and anytime. Recently, we've seen them in our churches, at our universities and in our restaurants. When seconds matter it is important that highly-trained, highly-vetted law enforcement officials be able to protect Ohio citizens without regard to arbitrary restrictions," she said.

Rep. Leland said he has concerns that the legislation will infringe on private property rights.

"We trust these people every single day to go into these stores and go into these areas that are gun-free while they are on duty," Rep. Householder said.

Rep. Leland also questioned language in the bill that refers to peace officers, saying that would include officials with the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Taxation and others that are not widely thought of as law enforcement officials.

Rep. Householder said the measure is designed to impact all those that carry a firearm as part of their daily jobs.

## **Bill Would Create Multi-State Compact Focused On Curing Diseases**

One state representative is proposing a model he believes could shift incentives in health research away from finding treatments for diseases and toward finding cures.

Rep. Jim Butler (R-Oakwood) said Tuesday his bill would make Ohio the first in a multi-state compact that would offer prizes for anyone who develops a cure for certain major diseases, such as cancers, Alzheimer's disease, multiple sclerosis and major depressive disorder.

The prizes would be substantial - potentially in the tens of billions of dollars - and calculated as the savings for the states in the compact over five years from not having to deal with the costs of the disease.

"This bill could save lives. It could prevent pain and suffering that happens to millions of people. It could control health care costs," Rep. Butler said at a Statehouse news conference. "Most of all, this bill could really make a difference."

Rep. Butler said the goal is to create a financial incentive for finding disease cures. At the moment, the pharmaceutical industry is geared toward finding treatments that can pay for the research over the long term. A cure, he said, is only good for the short term - after that, there's no more disease to treat.

"If we have a cure, over a short period of time, it's nearly impossible to charge enough to recoup the money for research," he said.

Creating a large prize could encourage more research by creating a financial incentive. Rep. Butler said venture capital firms and other private investors would be more willing to take a chance on research that could find a cure if they knew there was a possibility of a very large return on the horizon.

Speaker Cliff Rosenberger (R-Clarksville) and other members of the House Republican leadership expressed support for the proposal.

"The cure bill creates a new innovative model that could drastically increase the financial incentives for companies by creating this multi-state compact," Speaker Rosenberger said.

Once six states join the compact, they would create a commission that would establish prizes for at least 10 major diseases. They would award the prizes once a cure is established that has a 95% five-year survival rate.

The cure must also involve less than one year of treatment. It can be a vaccine, gene therapy or any other form of treatment, but it has to be permanent, Rep. Butler said.

The compact would pay out the prize at once by getting a loan, and member states would pay the loan back with their savings over the next five years.

The rights to the cure would transfer to the compact upon the prize being awarded, he said, and the compact could then sell it to other states and other countries, paying off the interest on the loan along with administrative and actuarial costs.

"In the event that a prize is claimed, then the rights would go to the compact, who would then contract with a manufacturer to get the cure out there and sell it to the entire world," Rep. Butler said.

Rep. Bill Seitz (R-Cincinnati), the House majority leader, said he's been working with Rep. Butler on the bill for years.

"The idea of a royalty-free license to the compacting states to market this cure across the entire world will be a very significant source of revenue for the compact and hopefully lead others to do big things," he said.

### **Education Panel Examines Teaching Strategies Focused On Self-Regulation, Social-Emotional Learning**

Ensuring students are prepared to learn when they enter the classroom results in better academic outcomes as well as improved job satisfaction for teachers, experts told the Joint Education Oversight Committee on Tuesday.

Panel members learned about the PAX Good Behavior Game as well as the Neurosequential Model in Education and the Mayerson Academy's Thriving Learning Communities curriculum during a meeting in Columbus.

All three initiatives focus on social-emotional development and can be used to improve outcomes for students who have experienced trauma or are facing challenges outside school that hinder learning.

PAX, which is rooted in research-based strategies that teach self-regulation, has been a topic of discussion for a handful of education-related task forces and committees in recent years.

Anya Senetra, supervisor for the Greene County Educational Service Center's school-based mental health program, said more than 4,000 K-5 teachers have been trained to use PAX in their classrooms.

The goal of PAX is to create safe learning spaces for children that promoting practice of self-regulation and rewards for pro-social behavior, she said. Instead of punishing students, the focus is on error correction.

"Children have to understand what are the expectations. They have to understand what does it look like to behave in classroom and articulate their own needs," Ms. Senetra said.

Students who are learning in PAX classrooms have higher academic achievement because they're more engaged, she said, pointing to state testing results that show increased math and reading scores in high-poverty schools that used the good behavior game.

Through PAX, students can become more efficient at transitioning between rewards and school work and learn to positively influence on another, Ms. Senetra said.

Sen. Peggy Lehner (R-Kettering) said she's seen the positive impacts of PAX first hand in her school districts.

"This really works and when you see it in the classroom, it's amazing," she said.

The program is universal and can be applied to all students, regardless of what baggage they bring to the classroom, Ms. Senetra added.

Rep. Patterson (D-Jefferson) questioned then whether PAX could be integrated into teacher training.

"It would be incredibly helpful, especially knowing how vulnerable our students are today coming to us," he said.

Ms. Senetra said she worked with Wright State University on creating a course on PAX and how it can be used as part of classroom management.

She told Rep. Teresa Fedor (D-Toledo) that there has been no formal study on whether teacher retention improved with use of PAX, but anecdotally, schools in her county employing the method have seen a drop in teacher turnover.

Sen. Lehner joined in with a similar observation from a district she visited, saying "they had not lost a single teacher in two years."

Chairman Rep. Bob Cupp (R-Lima) opined that some of the self-regulation efforts in PAX are similar to what he and his colleagues were taught when they were children.

"Have we seen a greater need to teach children or help children learn these behaviors that they used to learn at home?" he asked.

The federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, has found that one in four children coming into schools currently suffer from some sort of diagnosable disorder, such as anxiety, depression, or ADHD, Ms. Senetra said. That means the students of today are more complex.

"I have my own theory on coupling with that is the fact that devices are regulating our children," she said. When children are handed a cellphone or tablet to keep them occupied and not act out, they're not working on self-regulation.

"They don't have the vast number of opportunities to practice that before they get to the classroom," she said.

Jane Whyde, executive director of the Franklin County Family and Children First Council, told the panel that students can't engage in learning if they're using most of their brains for survival.

Unlike PAX, she said Neurosequential Model in Education is not a classroom structure, but rather a focus on brain development and function and how knowledge of those things can help optimize learning environments for students with trauma.

In Franklin County schools where teachers employed rhythmic, repetitive, relational and more types of regulating activities, there were decreases in classroom episodes, student absences, teacher absences and teacher turnover, she said. Meanwhile, there were increases in academic and graduation rate.

It took about two years for a full culture change to be realized in schools, Ms. Whyde said in outlining the lessons learned so far from the Franklin County NME initiative.

Likewise, the Thriving Learning Communities curriculum that has shown to improve academic outcomes through focus on social-emotional learning, will also take time to implement, said Mayerson Academy President Jillian Copley Darwish.

"It is work that takes time to show outcomes so there must be a very strong theory of action that supports it and a significant rationale for why you're doing it because you will definitely get naysayers," she said.

**Subscribers Note:** Full presentations are available on the committee's website.

### **Lawmaker Voices Concerns With Fantasy Gaming Bill**

A bill creating a regulatory framework for fantasy sports contests drew concerns from a member of a Senate committee Tuesday about the oversight of "daily" versions of the games.

The proposal (HB 132), which passed the House 82-15 in May, would place the regulation of fantasy sports under the Ohio Casino Control Commission and create several guidelines, the bill's sponsors told the Senate Finance Committee.

Sponsoring Rep. Jonathan Dever (R-Cincinnati) and Rep. Rob McColley (R-Napoleon) said the bill was drafted in coordination with the attorney general's office, the Casino Control Commission and members of the fantasy sports industry.

"This bill is trying to put a framework around an activity that millions of Ohioans are already doing," Rep. Dever said.



The bill would define a fantasy sports contest using guidelines in federal law and clarify that rules for the industry be enforced by the Casino Control Commission.

The bill would also require that players are 18 years or older, require operators to be licensed, prohibit contests based on college or high school events, restrict employees of fantasy sports companies from playing, and more. It also requires an annual audit to ensure providers are complying.

The sponsors drew questions from Sen. Bill Coley (R-Liberty Twp.), who said 1.9 million Ohioans play season-long fantasy sports, often in casual leagues in which whoever runs the operation doesn't make a profit.

Only about 200,000 Ohioans play daily fantasy sports, which are generally run through websites such as DraftKings and FanDuel, Sen. Coley said. He said those sites operate as a pool for profit, whereas most fantasy leagues are not.

Sen. Coley questioned why out-of-state entities like the two daily fantasy sites would be allowed to operate as pools for profit when other entities in the state cannot.

"The 1.9 million people who play season-long fantasy sports - that's not a pool for profit and that's not illegal," Sen. Coley said.

The sponsors said the bill creates a framework to regulate the practice of fantasy gaming.

"We're at a juncture in the road where we can say we can stop Ohioans from doing this based on some ambiguity in the law or we can go ahead and permit this," Rep. McColley said.

He said the sites charge fees in order to operate the sites and mechanisms for playing the games.

Sen. Dave Burke (R-Marysville) said the legislation would create a system by which the people who play daily fantasy sports could have some protections under the law. He said the online nature of daily fantasy sports and the fact that it's legal at the federal level makes it "nebulous."

"If somebody had some kind of fiscal loss, they would have no action in the state of Ohio other than to admit that they broke the law," he said.

### **BRAC Panel Prepping Ohio Military Base Tours**

A House task force established to help preserve Ohio military institutions is expecting to visit 11 bases in the state between now and Thanksgiving, the panel's chairman said Tuesday.

At its initial meeting, the House Base Realignment and Closure Task Force set the stage for those visits and the issuance of a report on the potential closure process in early 2018.

Rep. Rick Perales (R-Beavercreek), who chairs the panel, said the group has the latitude to develop recommendations and will work toward compiling a single state strategy regarding potential changes regarding bases and Department of Defense actions. Members also discussed a mission statement that Mr. Perales submitted to caucus leaders last month.

The BRAC process last occurred in 2005.

Mr. Perales said the site visits are the best way for members to view the strengths, weaknesses and missions of Ohio's military installations, and will also offer base leaders a chance to highlight important partnerships they have with the private sector.

Locations on the panel's initial schedule include:

- Youngstown Air Reserve Station
- NASA Glenn Research Center, Cleveland
- NASA Plum Brook Station, Sandusky
- Toledo Air National Guard Base
- Mansfield Lahm Air National Guard Base
- Lima Army Tank Plant
- Springfield-Beckly Air National Guard Base
- Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
- Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base
- Defense Finance and Accounting Services, Cleveland and Columbus

Mr. Perales said that while Congress doesn't appear to have an "appetite" for BRAC at this time, the process could be requested as soon as 2019. That timeline, he said, would align well with the issuance of a 2018 Ohio-specific report.

Richard Green, former legislative director of the National Guard Association of the United States, suggested the panel communicate with federal lawmakers to urge them to get involved in the process by which BRAC rules are developed. He said those rules are essential to determining which bases fare the best in the BRAC process.

Mr. Perales said that outreach has begun.

The panel is tentatively scheduled to meet next on Sept. 21.

### **Capitol Scene: Tobin To Lead Prosecutors Association; AMP, Coal Association Make Hires**

Louis Tobin, who currently serves as deputy director of the Ohio Judicial Conference, has been selected as the next executive director of the Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association.

He will succeed John Murphy, who is retiring next month after serving as the association's leader for the past 37 years. Mr. Murphy has been with the OPAA for 41 years.

Mr. Tobin has held several roles at the OJC, and has experience in legislative analysis and lobbying. He holds degrees from Ohio State University and the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. He starts in the new role on October 2.

**AMP-Karg:** American Municipal Power, Inc. has named Holly Karg, formerly of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, as its director of media relations and communications.

Ms. Karg most recently served as the PUCO's director of public affairs. Prior to that, she worked at the Buckeye Institute for Public Policy Solutions, King Strategic Communications and the Ohio State Bar Association.

Ms. Karg holds a degree in journalism from Ohio State University.

**Coal-Cope:** The Ohio Coal Association announced that it had named Mike Cope as its interim president.

"We are very pleased and fortunate to have Mike Cope at the helm of the Ohio Coal Association. Mike has a long history with coal, dating back to his days in Harrison County and his many roles in Ohio government," said Mike Carey, chairman of the association's board. "His experience and knowledge of politics and the legislative process are very important to our membership."

Mr. Cope succeeds former president Christian Palich, who now works at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, D.C.

### **Governor's Appointments**

**Third Frontier Commission:** Aravind Immaneni, Ph.D., of Cincinnati for a term beginning September 12, 2017, and ending September 28, 2018.

**Asian American Pacific Islander Advisory Council:** Kashi Adhikari of Columbus for a term beginning September 12, 2017, and continuing at the pleasure of the Governor.

**Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Athletic Trainers Board:** Lynn M. Busdeker of Tiffin, Erin T. Hofmeyer of Cleves, Ronald J. Kleinman of Fairlawn, Susan Welch Stevens of Findlay and Trevor J. Vessels of Columbus for terms beginning September 12, 2017, and ending August 27, 2020.

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## House Activity for Tuesday, September 12, 2017

### INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

**HR 193** ■ **CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL** (Antonio, N., Strahorn, F.) A resolution urging Congress to award a Congressional Medal of Honor to the late Senator John Glenn and Mrs. Annie Glenn.

Federalism & Interstate Relations

**HR 236** ■ **HYPERLOOP** (Hughes, J.) To express support for the Hyperloop Transportation Initiative.

Transportation & Public Safety

**HCR 13** ■ **RECLAIM ACT** (West, T., Thompson, A.) To urge the Congress of the United States to pass the RECLAIM Act, which would assist communities negatively impacted by changes to the country's energy industry.

Federalism & Interstate Relations

**HCR 14** ■ **PARIS ACCORD** (Lepore-Hagan, M., Leland, D.) To affirm the commitment of the members of the General Assembly, in accordance with the aims of the Paris Agreement, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 26 to 28 per cent below 2005 levels by the year 2025.

Energy & Natural Resources

### CALENDAR FOR COMING SESSION

**SB 37** ■ **POLICE CHIEF TRAINING** (Hite, C.) To require the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission to develop and conduct a chief of police training course for newly appointed village, city, and township chiefs of police.

**HB 122** ■ **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** (Hambley, S., Rogers, J.) To establish a Regional Economic Development Alliance Study Committee to study the benefits and challenges involved in creating regional economic development alliances.

**HB 133** ■ **DISASTER WORK (Ryan, S.)** To create the Disaster Relief Act to exempt out-of-state disaster businesses and qualifying out-of-state employees from certain taxes and laws with respect to disaster work on critical infrastructure performed in this state during a declared disaster.

## **REFERRED**

### **Aging & Long Term Care:**

**HB 286** ■ **PALLIATIVE CARE (LaTourette, S.)** To create the Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Council, to establish the Palliative Care Consumer and Professional Information and Education Program, and to require health care facilities to identify patients and residents who could benefit from palliative care.

### **Armed Services, Veterans Affairs & Homeland Security:**

**HB 295** ■ **DOG REGISTRATIONS (Goodman, W.)** To exempt certain disabled veterans from paying a dog registration fee when application is made to the county auditor that includes proof that the dog is an assistance dog.

**SCR 8** ■ **MISSILE DEFENSE (O'Brien, S., Eklund, J.)** A resolution to urge the United States Missile Defense Agency to select Camp Ravenna Joint Military Training Center in Ravenna, Ohio, as the preferred site for a future east coast Missile Defense system.

### **Community & Family Advancement:**

**SB 70** ■ **CHILD SUPPORT (Coley, B.)** To amend the child support laws.

**HB 309** ■ **PARENTAL RIGHTS (Gonzales, A., Rezabek, J.)** To generally prohibit a person's blindness from being used to deny or limit custody, parenting time, visitation, adoption, or service as a guardian or foster caregiver, regarding a minor.

## **Criminal Justice:**

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**SB 145** ■ **ABORTION** (Huffman, M., Wilson, S.) To criminalize and create a civil action for dismemberment abortions.

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**HB 278** ■ **VEHICULAR ASSAULT** (Patton, T., Keller, C.) To include negligently causing serious physical harm to a law enforcement officer while operating a motor vehicle or other specified mode of transportation as a violation of the offense of vehicular assault.

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**HB 283** ■ **ADOPTIONS** (Rezabek, J.) To require the juvenile court judge to provide written consent to certain adoptions involving abused, neglected, or dependent children.

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**HB 296** ■ **DRUG OFFENSES** (Gavarone, T.) To enhance penalties for certain drug offenses committed in the vicinity of a community addiction services provider.

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**HB 327** ■ **IMPORTUNING** (Schaffer, T., Smith, K.) To amend the penalties for the offense of importuning.

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## **Economic Development, Commerce & Labor:**

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**HB 303** ■ **SERVICE ANIMALS** (Lipps, S., Kelly, B.) To prohibit places of public accommodation from preventing the use of a service animal.

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**HB 331** ■ **ACCIDENT REPORTS** (Ingram, C.) To prohibit the use of information obtained from an accident report by any person for commercial solicitation purposes.

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## **Education & Career Readiness:**

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**HB 318 ■ SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS (Patterson, J., LaTourette, S.)** To define the necessary qualifications and responsibilities of school resource officers.

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## **Federalism & Interstate Relations:**

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**HB 305 ■ PROTECTION ORDERS (Antonio, N., Boyd, J.)** To require a court that issues a protection order to determine if the respondent is prohibited from carrying or possessing a firearm, to require a court to determine whether an offender who has been convicted of specified offenses is prohibited from carrying or possessing a firearm, and to require a respondent or offender who the court determines is prohibited from carrying or possessing a firearm to transfer all firearms in the person's possession to a law enforcement agency or a federally licensed firearms dealer.

**HB 310 ■ CONCEALED WEAPONS (Vitale, N.)** To permit an elected officeholder of this state or a political subdivision of this state who holds a valid concealed handgun license to carry a concealed handgun in a government facility of this state or a political subdivision of this state.

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## **Finance:**

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**HB 154 ■ COMMERCIAL DRIVER STUDENTS (Smith, R., Manning, N.)** To establish the Commercial Truck Driver Student Aid program and to make an appropriation.

**HB 281 ■ BROADBAND EXPANSION (Carfagna, R.)** To establish the residential broadband expansion program within the Development Services Agency to award matching grants for last mile broadband expansion in municipal corporations and townships and to make an appropriation.

**HB 322 ■ EMERGENCY PLANS (Miller, A., Kent, B.)** To revise the law regarding emergency management plans and school safety drills; to require each educational service center to employ an emergency response planner; to make an appropriation; and to declare an emergency.



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## Financial Institutions, Housing & Urban Development:

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**HB 282** ■ **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** (Hambley, S.) To expressly prohibit criminal mischief relating to residential rental property and to prohibit a metropolitan housing authority from renting or providing housing assistance to a person who has recently been convicted of criminal mischief relating to residential rental property.

**HB 320** ■ **STATE FINANCES** (Hagan, C., Roegner, K.) To create the Long-range Financial Outlook Council for the purpose of informing the public and the General Assembly about the financial status of the state by studying financial and other conditions and issuing an annual long-range financial outlook report.

**HB 329** ■ **PYRAMID SCHEMES** (Pelanda, D.) To modify the law governing pyramid promotional schemes.

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## Government Accountability & Oversight:

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**SB 79** ■ **AGENCY REVIEWS** (Jordan, K.) To require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review.

**HB 289** ■ **OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING** (Hood, R., McColley, R.) To establish a statewide policy on occupational regulation, to require standing committees of the General Assembly to periodically review occupational licensing boards regarding their sunset, to require the Common Sense Initiative Office to review certain actions taken by occupational licensing boards, and to require the Legislative Service Commission to perform assessments of occupational licensing bills and state regulation of occupations.

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**HB 301** ■ **CONSENT DECREES (Butler, J.)** To require the approval of the General Assembly for a state agency to agree to a consent decree or court-approved settlement agreement that would alter or prohibit the enforcement of a law of this state.

**HB 312** ■ **POLITICAL SUBDIVISION SPENDING (Schuring, K., Greenspan, D.)**  
Regarding use of credit cards and debit cards by political subdivisions.

**Health:**

**HB 258** ■ **ABORTION (Hagan, C., Hood, R.)** To generally prohibit an abortion of an unborn human individual with a detectable heartbeat and to create the Joint Legislative Committee on Adoption Promotion and Support.

**HB 299** ■ **LEAD SAFETY (Merrin, D.)** To enact the Lead Safety and Uniformity Act to provide that the state, acting through the Department of Health, has the sole and exclusive authority to compel, prohibit, license, or regulate lead abatement activities in Ohio.

**HB 302** ■ **PREGNANT MINORS (Boggs, K., Antonio, N.)** To authorize a pregnant minor to consent to receive health care to maintain or improve her life or the life of the unborn child she is carrying.

**HB 326** ■ **PRESCRIBING AUTHORITY (Seitz, B., Gavarone, T.)** To authorize certain psychologists to prescribe psychotropic and other drugs for the treatment of drug addiction and mental illness.

**HB 332** ■ **ANATOMICAL GIFTS (Antani, N.)** Regarding anatomical gifts, transplantation, and discrimination on the basis of disability.

**HB 335** ■ **AWARENESS MONTH (Lepore-Hagan, M., Howse, S.)** To designate April as "Sarcoidosis Awareness Month."

## Insurance:

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**HB 284** ■ **AUTO INSURANCE** (Antani, N.) To create a study committee to author a report making recommendations about ways to reduce the cost of insurance premiums among commercial drivers ages eighteen to twenty-five.

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**HB 336** ■ **LICENSE FEES** (Barnes, J., Greenspan, D.) To prohibit the imposition of driver's license and temporary instruction permit reinstatement fees in specified circumstances and to name this act the Reinstatement Fee Amnesty Initiative.

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## State & Local Government:

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**SB 86** ■ **DAY DESIGNATION** (Hackett, B.) To designate the twenty-fifth day of May as "Ohio National Missing Children's Day."

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**HB 279** ■ **JOHN GLENN HOME** (Hill, B., Rosenberger, C.) To require the Ohio History Connection to designate John Glenn's childhood home as a state historic site.

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**HB 291** ■ **GOVERNMENT INSURANCE** (Wiggam, S.) To authorize counties, townships, and municipal corporations to purchase an employee dishonesty and faithful performance of duty insurance policy, instead of a bond, for protection from loss due to the fraudulent or dishonest actions of, and the failure to perform a duty prescribed by law by, an officer, official, employee, or appointee for which a bond is required by law.

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**HB 298** ■ **SICK DAYS** (Merrin, D.) To make changes with respect to the number of sick days provided to public employees.

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**HB 300** ■ **IDENTIFICATION CARDS** (Barnes, J.) To provide that any nondriver identification card that is issued to a resident of Ohio who is permanently disabled must be issued without an expiration date.

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**HB 307** ■ **MONTH DESIGNATION (Gonzales, A.)** To designate September as "We Card Month."

**HB 314** ■ **SAFETY TAX CREDIT (Schaffer, T.)** To allow an income tax credit for law enforcement officials who purchase safety or protective items to be used in the course of official law enforcement activities.

**HB 315** ■ **DAY DESIGNATION (Arndt, S.)** To designate October 6 as "S.M.A.R.T. Parent Day."

**HB 319** ■ **STATE PET (Lanese, L.)** To designate a shelter pet as Ohio's official pet.

**HB 323** ■ **GARBAGE FEES (Patterson, J.)** To authorize all municipal corporations that charge a garbage collection fee to certify unpaid amounts to the county auditor, who must enter the fees on the property tax list to be collected in the same manner as real property taxes.

#### **Transportation & Public Safety:**

**SB 77** ■ **LICENSE PLATE (Coley, B.)** To create the "KylerStrong Foundation" license plate.

**SB 78** ■ **ROAD NAMING (Hoagland, F.)** To designate a portion of State Route 7 in Jefferson County as the "U.S. Air Force Staff Sergeant Yvonne Marie Fair Memorial Highway."

**SB 117** ■ **MONTH DESIGNATION (Hite, C.)** To designate May as "Drive Ohio Byways Month."

**HB 280** ■ **MOTORCYCLE PROTECTION (Goodman, W.)** To permit a person to wear earplugs for hearing protection while operating a motorcycle.

**HB 285** ■ **LICENSE PLATE (Anielski, M.)** To create the "North Royalton City Schools" license plate.

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**HB 287** ■ **LICENSE PLATE (Anielski, M.)** To create the "Post-Traumatic Stress" license plate.

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**HB 288** ■ **LICENSE PLATE (Anielski, M.)** To create the "Cuyahoga Heights Schools" license plate.

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**HB 290** ■ **LICENSE PLATE (Blessing, L.)** To create the St. Xavier High School license plate.

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**HB 293** ■ **DRIVER'S LICENSES (Scherer, G., Sheehy, M.)** To require a person to hold a temporary instruction permit for one year before obtaining a probationary driver's license and to alter the time periods during which the holder of a temporary instruction permit or probationary driver's license is prohibited from operating a motor vehicle without being accompanied by a parent or guardian.  
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**HB 294** ■ **ROAD NAMINGS (Bocchieri, J.)** To designate a portion of U.S. Route 224 in Mahoning County as the "Patrolman Charles K. Yates Memorial Highway" and a portion of State Route 170 in Mahoning County as the "Patrolman Richard E. Becker Memorial Highway."

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**HB 297** ■ **VEHICLE TITLES (Hagan, C.)** To allow owners of a motor vehicle, watercraft, or outboard motor who have joint ownership with right of survivorship to transfer title through a transfer-on-death designation.

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**HB 306** ■ **LICENSE PLATE (Gonzales, A.)** To create the "Gold Ribbon Awareness" license plate.

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**HB 308** ■ **ROAD NAMING (Cera, J.)** To designate a portion of State Route 7 in Belmont County as the "Ohio Valley Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway."

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**HB 311** ■ **ROAD NAMING (Johnson, T.)** To designate a portion of State Route 348 in Scioto County as the "Roy Rogers Happy Trails Highway."

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**HB 313** ■ **LICENSE PLATE (Hughes, J.)** To create the "Pelotonia" license plate.

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**HB 316** ■ **PICNIC AREA NAMING (Arndt, S., Stein, D.)** To designate a picnic area in Kelleys Island State Park as the "Henry T. Beatty Memorial Picnic Area."

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**HB 321** ■ **LICENSE PLATE (Koehler, K., Green, D.)** To create the "Lions Club" license plate.

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**HB 324** ■ **ROAD NAMING (Ashford, M., Sheehy, M.)** To designate a portion of Interstate Route 75 in Lucas County as the "Toledo Firefighters J. Dickman and S. Machcinski Memorial Highway."

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**HB 325** ■ **ROAD NAMING (Faber, K.)** To designate a portion of State Route 705 in Shelby County as the "Michael J. Aselage Memorial Highway."

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**HB 328** ■ **LICENSE PLATE (Ingram, C., Kelly, B.)** To create the "Cincinnati City School District" license plate.

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**HB 330** ■ **ROAD NAMING (Rogers, J.)** To designate a portion of State Route 91 in Willoughby as the "Patrolman Jason Gresko Memorial Highway."

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### **Ways & Means:**

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**SB 5** ■ **COLLEGE AFFORDABILITY (Hottinger, J., Eklund, J.)** To increase the maximum income tax deduction for contributions to college savings accounts and disability expense savings accounts to \$4,000 annually for each beneficiary, to create the Joint Committee on Ohio College Affordability, and to declare an emergency.

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**HB 292** ■ **OHIO RESIDENCY (Scherer, G.)** To modify the test for determining an individual's state of residence for income tax purposes.

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**HB 304** ■ **ADOPTION CREDIT** (Young, R.) To extend a personal income tax credit available for the adoption of a minor child to include a disabled adult adopted by the adult's stepparent.

**HB 317** ■ **TAX DEDUCTION** (Young, R.) To authorize, for six years, a personal income tax deduction for a physician based on the number of hours the physician provides uncompensated medical services through a hospital, free clinic, or nongovernmental medical organization.

**HB 333** ■ **TAX RETURNS** (Becker, J., Leland, D.) To allow married couples to elect to file either separate state tax returns or a joint state return, irrespective of their federal filing status.

**HB 334** ■ **BUSINESS INCOME** (Scherer, G.) To provide that wages and guaranteed payments paid by a professional employer organization to the owner of a pass-through entity that has contracted with the organization may be considered business income.

## **COMMITTEE HEARINGS**

### **Economic Development, Commerce & Labor**

**HB 193** ■ **FLU VACCINES** (Hagan, C.) To prohibit an employer from taking an adverse employment action against a person who has not been or will not be vaccinated against influenza. (**REPORTED-AMENDED** (See separate story); 4th Hearing-Possible amendments & vote)

**HB 230** ■ **FLAG DISPLAY** (Gonzales, A., Ginter, T.) To prohibit manufactured home park operators, condominium associations, neighborhood associations, and landlords from restricting the display of the thin blue line flag. (**CONTINUED**; 4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

The committee held off on moving the bill, but did vote to table an amendment from Rep. Brigid Kelly (D-Cincinnati) that would have added language to include a host of similar flags - including the thin red line flag for firefighters, the thin green line flag for federal agents and many others.

Citing sponsor opposition, Republicans moved to successfully table the amendment, with the exception of Rep. Tom Brinkman (R-Cincinnati), who voted in support.

Dan Acton, government affairs director for the Ohio Real Estate Investors Association, voiced support for the bill in testimony. He said it includes prior notification language sought by landlords in previous flag display legislation and stressed the need for such a provision.

"I ask you to understand that rental property is different than owners-occupied property," he said. "In a rental property situation, many tenants are given limited abilities to make improvements to the unit because they are simply 'borrowing' the unit during tenancy."

He described a hypothetical situation in which a tenant installs a flag kit, but in doing so, mistakenly damages the rental unit, such as by drilling into the doorbell wiring or failing to adequately secure the flag.

"Further consider someone that wants to install a flagpole at their rental property," Mr. Acton said. "If a well-intentioned tenant places a flagpole within the property setback and a city inspector notices it, the property owner, not the tenant would receive a notice to move the flagpole and possibly pay a fine in the process. Should a landlord be responsible for moving the pole and paying a fine if they had no knowledge that it was being installed? What if the pole is improperly installed and it falls and damages a neighbor's property?"

**HB 263** **OUTDOOR DINING AREAS (Lanese, L.)** To generally allow an owner, keeper, or harbinger of a dog to take the dog in an outdoor dining area of a retail food establishment or food service operation. (**CONTINUED**; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

The bill will put the control back in the hands of restaurant and bar owners by permitting them to decide whether to allow dogs on outdoor patios, according to sponsor **Rep. Laura Lanese** (R-Grove City).

Rep. Lanese said the bill would reject "unnecessary interference from the state" in local business affairs, encourage business growth, and acknowledge constituent requests for pet-friendly legislation.

"This issue resonates with the more than 40% of Ohioans who have canine companions," the sponsor said. "Other groups supporting this legislation are Columbus Chamber of Commerce, Ohio Restaurant Association, Humane Society of the US, and the ASPCA." At the same time, she said, discussions are ongoing with the Franklin County Public Health Department and the Ohio Department of Health to develop "commonsense guidelines" that will be added in a forthcoming substitute bill.

"Some of the restrictions we will likely be including will: require an outdoor access to the patio to prevent dogs from walking through indoor facilities, give restaurant owners full discretion on the dogs they allow, and mandate that dog-specific sanitation kits be readily available," Rep. Lanese said.

She said the bill would have no impact on service dogs, which are currently permitted inside restaurants and on patios by law.

Rep. Kelly said she and **Rep. Scott Lipps** (R-Franklin) are currently working on a bill related to service dogs, which has taught them that the presence of both service dogs and less trained dogs sometimes leads to issues.

"This will be for patios only," Rep. Lanese added. "So if the owner wanted to take the (service) dog inside they would be separated from those other dogs if that was the concern."

Responding to **Rep. Michele Lepore-Hagan**, Rep. Lanese said sponsors are exploring requiring signage for dog-friendly patios to benefit those who are allergic to dogs but that allergists have also informed her that is a low concern.

**Subscribers Note:** For full testimony see the [committee's website](#) under Sept. 12.



## **Criminal Justice**

**HB 259** **VIOLENCE DATABASE (Seitz, B., West, T.)** To require the Attorney General to establish a database of persons who have committed an offense of violence at an A-1-A, A-1c, or D liquor permit premises and to provide access to the database to holders of those categories of liquor permits. (CONTINUED; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

Sponsoring **Rep. Thomas West** (D-Canton) said the measure will "provide small business owners with the tools necessary to protect their livelihoods and communities."

Under the bill, a database would be established for individuals convicted of an offense of violence that took place in a facility with a Class D, A-1-A or A-1c liquor permit.

The non-public database would be available only to those facilities.

"Any Ohioan in the database will be removed after three years," Rep. West said. "This bill does not create any new crimes or sentences, and this bill does not create a new public registry. It simply acts as a means to communicate existing convictions to the specific institutions that would be directly negatively impacted by a repeat offense. By giving local business owners the information about prior crimes in similar settings, we are allowing entrepreneurs to defend their businesses."

He said that bars and clubs can have their reputations ruined by individuals who "have a pattern of drunken debauchery."

"But the owners and employees of these businesses had no way of knowing that, and they should not be punished for wanting to serve a patron," he said. "This bill will give these small businesses the tools they need to combat this problem."

The bill currently calls for the attorney general's office to maintain the database. However, Rep. West said it is likely that a substitute bill will be introduced to transfer that responsibility to the Department of Commerce.

**Rep. Bernadine Kent** (D-Columbus) questioned if the bill addresses the issue of owners overserving patrons.

Fellow sponsoring **Rep. Bill Seitz** (R-Cincinnati) said the legislation does not impact the Dram Shop Act.

Rep. Jeff Rezabek (R-Clayton) raised the specter of an establishment owner facing civil liability if someone on the registry commits an act of violence in their bar or club.

Rep. Seitz said he would be willing to make it clear that there is no civil liability.

**HB 276** **UTILITY WORKERS (Rezabek, J., Greenspan, D.)** To expand the offense of aggravated menacing to prohibit threatening a utility worker with intent to obstruct the operation of a utility. (CONTINUED; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

The bill is designed to protect utility workers from being threatened while performing their duties, sponsoring Rep. Rezabek said.

He pointed to a recent incident in Florida in which a man shot out the tires of an AT&T truck after he became upset that the vehicle was parked outside of his house.

"While we understand that this situation is one of the egregious variety, over the course of working through this piece of legislation, we were approached by utility companies explaining

that their workers have been threatened many times and that having House Bill 276 in statute, it would protect their workers greatly," he said.

Under the measure, the offense of aggravated menacing would be expanded to prohibit threatening a utility worker with intent to obstruct the operation of a utility.

The offense would be a fourth-degree felony if the offenders knows or has reasonable cause to know that the victim is a utility worker, the victim is engaged in performing his or her duties and a threat with a deadly weapon is made.

"If, and only if, these three facts are present, then this new enhancement can be used," fellow sponsoring **Rep. Dave Greenspan** (R-Westlake) said.

**SB 1 ■ DRUG OFFENSES (LaRose, F.)** To increase penalties for drug trafficking violations, drug possession violations, and aggravated funding of drug trafficking when the drug involved in the offense is a fentanyl-related compound, to revise the manner of determining sentence for certain violations of the offense of permitting drug abuse, and to add lisdexamfetamine to the list of schedule II controlled substances.  
(CONTINUED; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

Sponsoring **Sen. Frank LaRose** (R-Hudson) said the bill achieves a balance between providing addicts an opportunity to receive treatment and putting traffickers behind bars. Fentanyl-related drug overdose deaths have been on the rise in recent years, with 2,357 in 2016, up from just 84 in 2013.

The drug accounted for nearly 60% of all drug overdose deaths 2016, Sen. LaRose said.

He said he worked with the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office in crafting the legislation.

"The legislation targets anyone trafficking fentanyl-related substances. This legislation would lower the amount of fentanyl-related compounds needed to receive higher-level felony convictions that carry longer sentences," he said. "In addition, if a fentanyl-related drug conviction is connected to a homicide conviction, the prison sentences will be held consecutively."

The legislation also seeks to crack down on those that permit the manufacture of methamphetamine in in their homes, apartments or vehicles.

Another provision adds lisdexamfetamine to the state's schedule of controlled substances.

"Lisdexamfetamine is used to treat ADHD and hyperactivity and is at a high risk of being abused, especially in juveniles," he said. "There have been instances where the Wayne County prosecutor could not charge a case of drug abuse involving this drug because it is not listed in R.C. 3719.41."

Asked by **Rep. Jim Butler** (R-Oakwood) about the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction's position on the measure, Sen. LaRose said the agency was neutral at the time it cleared the upper chamber.

"I don't see any reason why their stance on it would have changed," he said.

Rep. Seitz questioned the lack of a mens rea provision in the bill.

"I'm concerned, particularly at these lower levels," he said, adding that small-time dealers are often selling heroin that they do not know has been mixed with fentanyl.

Sen. LaRose said he would be open to an amendment that addresses the issue.

He also encouraged panel members to address what he called a flaw in his bill - the inability to determine the exact amount of fentanyl in a compound. Sen. LaRose said he had not come up with a solution to that issue.

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### **Federalism & Interstate Relations**

**HB 142** **CONCEALED WEAPONS** (Wiggam, S.) To eliminate the requirement that a concealed handgun licensee notify a law enforcement officer that the licensee is carrying a concealed handgun when stopped. (**CONTINUED-SUBSTITUTE** (See separate story); 5th Hearing-Possible substitute)

**HB 253** **CONCEALED WEAPONS** (Householder, L., Lanese, L.) To permit law enforcement officers to carry firearms off duty in places otherwise prohibited for concealed handgun licensees. (**CONTINUED** (See separate story); 1st Hearing-Proponent)

**HB 79** **FIREARMS TRAINING** (Retherford, W., Hagan, C.) To provide for firearms training for tactical medical professionals; to permit such a professional who has received that training and has been authorized by the law enforcement agency to carry firearms while on duty; and to grant such a professional the same right to carry a concealed handgun in this state as a concealed handgun licensee. (**REPORTED** (See separate story); 3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

**Constitutional Convention:** Former U.S. Sen. Jim DeMint of South Carolina urged the panel to approve a measure (**HJR-2**) that was not on the schedule to add Ohio to the list of states pressing for a constitutional convention to amend the U.S. Constitution.

Saying the federal government is out of control, Mr. DeMint warned that a constitutional convention could be the last and best chance to save America.

A constitutional convention, he said, would allow states to take back power that has been ceded to Washington over the years.

"Federalism is about where it's decided and who decides," he said.

Mr. DeMint said concerns about a runaway convention are overblown. Channeling the late U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, he said a constitutional convention's "risks are minimal and reasonable."

Because it is seen as a bellwether state, Ohio could be pivotal in the movement toward a constitutional convention, he said.

**Rep. Kyle Koehler** (R-Springfield) questioned how he can convince those on the right who are skeptical.

Mr. DeMint said the fact that delegates can be constrained to certain subject areas should be reassuring to skeptics.

**Rep. Wes Retherford** (R-Hamilton) asked Mr. DeMint about his opinion of other states that have put constraints on delegates, including criminal penalties.

"I think it's a good idea," he said. "The state legislatures are in control of this."

**Rep. Ron Young** (R-Leroy) said Congress still controls the process and expressed skepticism that it will act.

"The chances of Congress saying no, I think, are zero," he said.

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**Public Utilities**

**HB 249** **SUBMETERING (Duffey, M.)** To permit the Public Utilities Commission to adopt rules governing residential utility reselling. (**CONTINUED (See separate story);** 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

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**Education & Career Readiness**

**HB 108** **FINANCIAL LITERACY (Hagan, C., McColley, R.)** To require one-half unit of financial literacy in the high school curriculum, to require the Chancellor of Higher Education to prepare an informed student document for each institution of higher education, to require the State Board of Education to include information on the informed student document in the standards and model curricula it creates for financial literacy and entrepreneurship, and to entitle the act the "Informed Student Document Act." (**CONTINUED;** 3rd Hearing-Opponent & interested party)

Dan Dodd, executive director of the Ohio Association of Independent Schools, opposed adding to graduation requirements and required curriculum.

"We believe our graduates are well equipped for the rigor and realities of college life," he said. "Adding another mandate to what our high schools offer is unnecessary. He asked that the committee amend the bill to provide an exemption for ISACS-accredited schools.

"Our schools, whether measured by college acceptance and attendance rates, remediation rates or ACT/SAT scores, are the highest achieving schools in the state," Mr. Dodd said.

"Simply put, our schools do not need to be told by the government what to teach and how to teach it, and the colleges and universities of this state and this nation agree."

He told **Rep. Catherine Ingram** (D-Cincinnati) that the schools would begin offering financial literacy courses if colleges and universities indicate it's required for admissions.

Many schools already offer financial literacy lessons through related courses, Mr. Dodd said.

**Rep. Kyle Koehler** (R-Springfield) said he's unsure whether schools are already teaching students how to balance checkbooks because there are Ohio students graduating from college with hundreds of thousands of dollars of student debt.

"I don't think they know how to," he said of using a checkbook. "Shouldn't it be something that every student who graduates from high school know how to do and how do we do that if we don't make it a requirement?" He asked.

Mr. Dodd said he's not as concerned about expecting students to know how to balance a checkbook with the fact that the bill would require schools to teach such a topic with specific materials and strategies.

**HB 21** **COMMUNITY SCHOOLS (Hambley, S.)** Regarding verification of community school enrollments. (**CONTINUED;** 3rd Hearing-All testimony)  
School districts currently face a handful of challenges in attempting to verify student residency, said Matthew Dotson, with the Ohio Education Association's Government Relations Division.

Such issues include being unable to obtain documents from charter schools or present a discrepancy to the superintendent of public instruction, he said.

Verifying student residency is also complicated by the facts that students do not have to report residency or changes of address to their home school districts, Mr. Dotson said.

It's important districts get residency right, he said, because "if the wrong residency is entered into the Education Management Information System for a charter student, the per-pupil payment will be deducted from the wrong school district."

"In summary, a more fair and logical system is needed" Mr. Dotson added.

He told **Rep. Teresa Fedor** (D-Toledo) that it's difficult to provide evidence to dispute residency, so it's not common for them to get money back that was paid to charter schools on their behalf.

Chairman **Rep. Andy Brenner** (R-Powell) raised concerns with flagging student residency because that could tie up money during the verification process.

"That can really hurt a charter school even more than (a traditional) school because they don't have the economies of scale," he said.

Mr. Dotson said an option that would require students to enroll in both their home traditional schools and charter schools would be a fair way to provide documentation needed by both entities.

State **Auditor Dave Yost** applauded the bill through written testimony.

"Following my office's 2013 school attendance data audit, it became apparent that the current student verification and attendance system has many cracks that must be filled," he wrote. "It creates loopholes and opportunity for error, fraud, and data scrubbing. House Bill

21 is a common-sense initiative that aims to create a more efficient system for establishing student residency, as well as increasing accountability in school funding."

Meanwhile, Ron Adler, president of the Ohio Coalition for Quality Education, opposed the measure that would put the onus for determining residency onto charter schools for the first time.

"Charter schools have always reported their enrollment to the state on a monthly basis, while districts only report three times a year," he said. "HB21 will add another burdensome requirement of submitting residency records to ODE monthly. This new mandate would create a major financial burden and divert funds for educating urban students to superfluous record keeping."

**HB 246** **CLASSROOM FACILITIES** (**Boccieri, J., Rezabek, J.**) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to provide funding to certain county boards of developmental disabilities to assist in the acquisition of classroom facilities.

(CONTINUED; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

There are 45 counties in Ohio that have K-12 educational programs for students with developmental disabilities through their county boards and a handful of others host DD programs in public school settings, sponsoring Rep. Jeff Rezabek (R-Clayton) said.

"Currently, neither of these programs are eligible for critical construction, renovation and security reimbursement funds through (the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission.) That means over 300 classrooms teaching over 2,000 DD students do not have access to state money for school facilities," he said.

He pointed to a 2008 study in the Journal of Educational Administration that showed poor quality facilities are tied to a diminished focus on academics, less enthusiastic teachers and more classroom disorder.

"With that in mind, it is important that we provide students with developmental disabilities equitable access to facility resources that will allow them to learn and thrive alongside their counterparts in traditional school settings," **Rep. John Boccheri** (D-Alliance) said.

"In addition, county boards that fund these K-12 programs are saving schools money" he added. "Establishing and housing developmental disabilities programs in traditional schools is an added cost for those districts who have to build a program tailored to DD students' needs alongside the traditional curriculum. County board-sponsored programs allow school districts to forego that additional financial burden by offering these critical resources and educational programming for them."

Rep. Bob Cupp (R-Lima) said the goal for his county is to mainstream students with developmental disabilities so there aren't many students in dedicated facilities. He questioned whether there is a need for funding for new or updated facilities.

Rep. Boccheri said there schools in his district haven't been able to pass a levy to update their buildings to expand access to students with developmental disabilities, so additional funding would be helpful.

The sponsors said their plan is to leave up to OFCC the details of how schools would be ranked, receive funding and work with the state. But, since there were a number of questions of the topics, they said they'd be open to inserting such details into the legislation.

**HB 98 CAREER INFORMATION (Duffey, M., Boggs, K.)** Regarding the presentation of career information to students. (CONTINUED; 3rd Hearing- All testimony)

It's more important than ever that Ohio get active in recruiting the next generation of skilled construction professionals because there is decreased access to vocational training and Baby Boomers are retiring soon, said Dorsey Hager, with the Columbus/Central Ohio Building & Construction Trades Council.

"HB98 will aid in our increased efforts to recruit the next generation of skilled construction professionals," he said. "While our apprenticeship programs have developed excellent relationships with many school districts, we are still working to build a foundation."

Mr. Hager said many districts give preference to college programs, but apprenticeship training is essential to keeping the state's economy moving.

"From the first day of their program, a building trades apprentice is paid an hourly wage, health benefits and earns a pension," he said. "Our programs offer a tuition-free pathway to the middle class. HB98 ensures that all students will have the opportunity to learn about a career in the skilled trades and aid our apprenticeship program's efforts to provide a skilled construction workforce to continue to move Ohio's economy forward."

He told the panel that some schools may not know that the building trades have articulation agreements with community colleges to allow students to earn associate's degrees while training.

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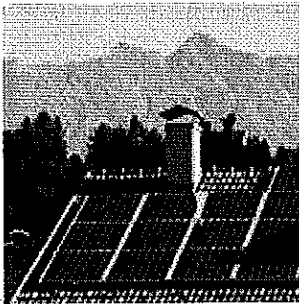
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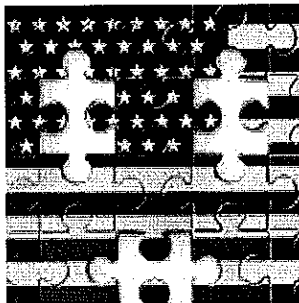
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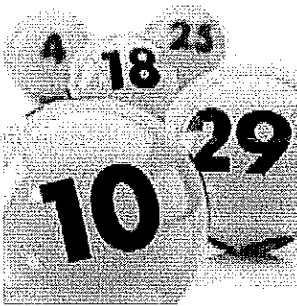
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**Am. H. B. No. 215 – Representative Riedel**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Manning, Celebrezze, Rogers, Seitz**

To amend sections 1901.01, 1901.02, 1901.03, 1901.07, 1901.08, 1901.312, 1901.34, and 1907.11 of the Revised Code to create the Paulding County Municipal Court in Paulding on January 1, 2020, to establish one full-time judgeship in that court, to provide for the nomination of the judge by petition only, to abolish the Paulding County County Court on that date, and to provide for the election for the Paulding County Municipal Court of one full-time judge in 2019.

(Committee on Criminal Justice recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, June 21, 2017, p. 569.)

**Am. H. B. No. 116 – Representative Merrin**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Hambley, McColley, Becker, Roegner, Seitz, Carfagna, Hood, Brinkman, Riedel, Goodman, Sheehy, Keller, Antani, Vitale, Zeltwanger, Koehler, Dean, Boccieri, Stein, Retherford, Young, Householder**

To amend sections 5739.01 and 5739.02 of the Revised Code to exempt prescription eyeglasses, contact lenses, and other optical aids sold by licensed dispensers from sales and use tax beginning July 2019.

(Committee on Ways and Means recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, April 26, 2017, p. 358.)

**H. B. No. 235 – Representative Gavarone**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Brenner, Cupp, Hambley**

To amend section 3302.09 of the Revised Code regarding procedures for approval or disapproval of the state education plan for the federal Every Student Succeeds Act.

(Committee on Education and Career Readiness recommends passage, see House Journal, June 21, 2017, p. 571.)

**H. B. No. 159 – Representative Riedel**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Hambley, Sweeney, Brenner, Dean, Cupp, Reineke, Blessing, Lepore-Hagan, Smith, K., Goodman, Thompson, Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, DeVitis, Householder, Hughes, Johnson, Reece, West**

To enact section 5.292 of the Revised Code to designate May as "Drive Ohio Byways Month."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, May 24, 2017, p. 504.)

**H. B. No. 252 – Representative Huffman**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Cupp, Faber, Thompson, Lepore-Hagan, Sweeney, Boccieri, West, Rogers, Reece, Ashford, Gavarone, Johnson, Kick, LaTourette, Romanchuk, Sykes**

To enact section 5.2519 of the Revised Code to designate the month of January as "Blood Donor Awareness Month."

(Committee on Health recommends passage, see House Journal, September 13, 2017, p. 1030.)

**H. B. No. 196 – Representative Lipps**

**Cosponsors: Representatives West, Sprague, Riedel, Wiggam, Smith, R., Boccieri, Thompson, Sweeney, Lepore-Hagan, Antonio, Stein, Cupp, Miller, Huffman, Gavarone, Antani, Johnson**

To enact section 5.2518 of the Revised Code to designate October as "Ohio Chiropractic Awareness Month."

(Committee on Health recommends passage, see House Journal, May 17, 2017, p. 475.)

**S. B. No. 57 – Senator Kunze**

**Cosponsors: Senators Coley, Brown, Beagle, Eklund, Schiavoni, Oelslager, Yuko, Hackett, Lehner, Tavares, Gardner, Bacon, Balderson, Burke, Dolan, Hite, Hoagland, Huffman, LaRose, Manning, Obhof, O'Brien, Peterson, Skindell, Sykes, Terhar, Thomas, Uecker, Williams, Wilson Representatives Huffman, Gavarone, Antonio, Barnes, Duffey, Ginter, Kent, LaTourette, Lepore-Hagan, West**

To enact section 5.291 of the Revised Code to designate the seventeenth day of May as "Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma Awareness Day."

(House committee on Health recommends passage, see House Journal, May 1, 2017, p. 363.)

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 15, 2017, p. 239.)

(Senate committee on Health, Human Services and Medicaid recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 8, 2017, p. 209.)

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**Sub. H. B. No. 2 – Representative Seitz**

To amend sections 2315.18, 2315.21, 4112.01, 4112.02, 4112.04, 4112.05, 4112.08, 4112.14, and 4112.99; to amend, for the purpose of adopting new section numbers as indicated in parentheses, sections 4112.051 (4112.055) and 4112.052 (4112.056); and to enact new sections 4112.051 and 4112.052 and section 4112.054 of the Revised Code to modify Ohio civil rights laws related to employment.

(Committee on Economic Development, Commerce, and Labor recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, May 10, 2017, p. 449.)

**H. B. No. 24 – Representative Ginter**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Schaffer, Rogers, Cera, Green, Hambley, Retherford, Ryan**

To amend section 5709.17 of the Revised Code to modify the existing tax exemption for veterans organizations' property to include property of certain veterans organizations exempt from federal taxation under section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code and to exclude property that is not used primarily for meetings, administration, and the provision of programs and services to past and present members of the United States armed forces.

(Committee on Ways and Means recommends passage, see House Journal, June 20, 2017, p. 553.)

**Sub. H. B. No. 35 – Representative Hughes**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Patton, Lipps, Antani, Blessing, Faber, Schaffer, Hambley, Sprague, Boccieri, Seitz, Dever, Brenner, Leland**

To amend sections 102.02, 109.572, 111.15, 119.01, 121.07, 131.11, 135.03, 135.032, 135.32, 135.321, 135.51, 135.52, 135.53, 323.134, 339.06, 513.17, 749.081, 755.141, 902.01, 924.10, 924.26, 924.45, 1101.01, 1101.02, 1101.03, 1101.15, 1101.16, 1103.01, 1103.02, 1103.03, 1103.06, 1103.07, 1103.08, 1103.09, 1103.11, 1103.13, 1103.14, 1103.15, 1103.16, 1103.18, 1103.19, 1103.20, 1103.21, 1105.01, 1105.02, 1105.03, 1105.04, 1105.08, 1105.10, 1105.11, 1107.03, 1107.05, 1107.07, 1107.09, 1107.11, 1107.13, 1107.15, 1109.01, 1109.02, 1109.03, 1109.05, 1109.08, 1109.10, 1109.15, 1109.16, 1109.17, 1109.22, 1109.23, 1109.24, 1109.25,



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(Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing, and Urban Development recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, March 8, 2017, p. 217.)

**Am. H. B. No. 39 – Representatives Arndt, Gavarone**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Anielski, Hambley, Bishoff, Carfagna**

To enact section 505.872 of the Revised Code to authorize certain townships to require the removal of snow and ice from sidewalks abutting property.

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, March 22, 2017, p. 261.)

**Sub. H. B. No. 42 – Representatives Sprague, DeVitis**

**Cosponsor : Representative Seitz**

To amend section 1345.99 and to enact section 1345.022 of the Revised Code to prohibit the installation of unsafe used tires on certain motor vehicles.

(Committee on Economic Development, Commerce, and Labor recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, May 10, 2017, p. 449.)

**Sub. H. B. No. 50 – Representative Schaffer**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Roegner, Koehler, Retherford, McColley, Brenner, Conditt, Thompson, Becker, Wiggam, Riedel, Blessing, Henne, Dean, Seitz, Merrin, Goodman, LaTourette, Hambley, Antani, Young**

To amend sections 4501.27, 5101.33, and 5101.542 and to enact section 5101.331 of the Revised Code to establish requirements for electronic benefit transfer cards issued under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

(Committee on Community and Family Advancement recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, June 8, 2017, p. 543.)

**Am. H. B. No. 51 – Representative Faber**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Becker, Brinkman, Butler, Dean, Dever, DeVitis, Green, Goodman, Hagan, Henne, Keller, Kick, Koehler, Lipps, Merrin, Retherford, Riedel, Roegner, Romanchuk, Scherer, Stein, Thompson, Vitale, Young**

To amend section 117.46 and to enact sections 101.88, 101.881, 101.882, and 101.89 of the Revised Code to require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review.

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, May 16, 2017, p. 463.)

**H. B. No. 58 – Representatives Brenner, Slaby**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Perales, Zeltwanger, Vitale, Hambley, Conditt, Young, Roegner, Riedel, Thompson, Dean, Cupp, Keller, Blessing**

To amend section 3313.60 of the Revised Code to require instruction in cursive handwriting.

(Committee on Higher Education and Workforce Development recommends passage, see House Journal, June 21, 2017, p. 567.)

**H. B. No. 76 – Representatives Arndt, Gavarone**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, DeVitis, Householder, Hughes, Johnson, Patmon**

To amend section 4501.21 and to enact sections 4503.436 and 4503.566 of the Revised Code to create the "Ohio National Guard Ohio Cross" license plate and the "Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge" license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, March 16, 2017, p. 247.)

**H. B. No. 79 – Representatives Retherford, Hagan**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Hambley, Seitz, Dean, Thompson, Brenner, Faber, Becker, Vitale, Brinkman, Koehler, Riedel, Goodman, Antani, Stein, Hood, Schaffer, Blessing, Roegner, Merrin**

To amend sections 109.71, 109.73, 109.75, 109.79, 109.801, and 2923.126 and to enact sections 109.748 and 109.771 of the Revised Code to provide for firearms training for tactical medical professionals; to permit such a professional who has received that training and has been authorized by the law enforcement agency to

carry firearms while on duty; and to grant such a professional the same right to carry a concealed handgun in this state as a concealed handgun licensee.

(Committee on Federalism and Interstate Relations recommends passage, see House Journal, September 13, 2017, p. 1027.)

**H. B. No. 88 – Representative Anielski**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Patton, Roegner, Slaby, Howse, Celebrezze, Sykes, Green, Greenspan, DeVitis, Householder, Hughes, Johnson, West**

To amend section 4501.21 and to enact section 4503.905 of the Revised Code to create the "Cuyahoga Valley Career Center" license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, March 16, 2017, p. 248.)

**Am. H. B. No. 104 – Representative Schaffer**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Henne, Boccieri, Seitz, Becker, Riedel, Hood, Brinkman, Stein, Bishoff, Dever, Brenner**

To amend section 5739.121 of the Revised Code to allow vendors to receive a refund of sales tax remitted for bad debts on private label credit accounts when the debt is charged off as uncollectible by the credit account lender.

(Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing, and Urban Development recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, April 26, 2017, p. 358.)

**Am. H. B. No. 134 – Representatives Hambley, Kick**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Wiggam, Stein**

To amend sections 307.283 and 5739.026 of the Revised Code to allow community improvements board grants to a school district to be spent for permanent improvements outside the county so long as the improvements are within the school district.

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, May 16, 2017, p. 464.)

**H. B. No. 135 – Representative Patmon**

To enact section 5.49 of the Revised Code to designate June 12th as "Superman Day."

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, May 16, 2017, p. 465.)

**H. B. No. 136 – Representative Arndt**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, Hughes, Lepore-Hagan, West**

To enact sections 5534.802 and 5534.803 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of State Route 61 in Erie County as the "SGT David Sexton Memorial Highway" and a portion of Benton-Carroll Road in Ottawa County as "SGT Glen Millinger Memorial Highway."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, May 1, 2017, p. 364.)

**H. B. No. 140 – Representative Green**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Bocchieri, Cera, Faber, Johnson, Lipps, Miller, Perales, Riedel, Rogers, Sheehy, Sprague, Sweeney, Greenspan, Hughes, Lepore-Hagan**

To enact section 5534.78 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of State Route 32 in Brown and Highland Counties as the "Army Specialist Danny Raymond King Memorial Highway."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, May 1, 2017, p. 365.)

**H. B. No. 183 – Representative Perales**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Butler, Sweeney, Craig, Hambley, Bocchieri, Riedel, Lipps, Rezabek, Seitz, O'Brien, Johnson, Lanese, Landis, Miller, Young**

To enact section 4561.02 of the Revised Code to establish the Governing Board of the Ohio Aviation Hall of Fame and Learning Center for purposes of establishing the Hall and inducting persons into it.

(Committee on Armed Services, Veterans Affairs, and Homeland Security recommends passage, see House Journal, June 8, 2017, p. 544.)

**H. B. No. 194 – Representatives Johnson, Craig**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Anielski, Arndt, Bocchieri, Butler, Conditt, Dean, Dever, Ginter, Gonzales, Keller, Landis, Riedel, Ryan, Stein, Strahorn, Thompson, Wiggam, Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, DeVitis, Householder, Howse, Hughes, Lepore-Hagan, Manning, Reece, West**

To enact section 4503.29 and to repeal sections 4503.431, 4503.432, 4503.433, 4503.434, 4503.48, 4503.481, 4503.53, 4503.532, 4503.533, 4503.536, 4503.537, 4503.538, 4503.54, 4503.541, 4503.543, 4503.544, 4503.547, 4503.548, 4503.571, 4503.581, 4503.59, and 4503.731 of the Revised Code to establish a program for the issuance of special license plates related to military service and awards.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, May 24, 2017, p. 505.)

**H. B. No. 202 – Representative Thompson**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Johnson, Ramos, Stein, Retherford, Arndt, Rogers, Duffey, Goodman, Riedel, Howse, Smith, K., Romanchuk, Greenspan,**

**Lepore-Hagan, Conditt, Anielski, Hill, Miller, Boccieri, Gavarone, Hambley, Scherer, Ginter, Sweeney, Sprague, West, Dean, Brenner, Kent, Cupp, Keller, Reece, Faber, Lanese, Landis, Young, Zeltwanger**

To enact section 5.481 of the Revised Code to designate the first Saturday of May as "Veterans Suicide Awareness Day."

(Committee on Armed Services, Veterans Affairs, and Homeland Security recommends passage, see House Journal, May 25, 2017, p. 516.)

#### **H. B. No. 212 – Representative Householder**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, DeVitis, Hughes, Johnson, Keller, Lepore-Hagan, Manning, Patton, Reece, West**

To enact section 5534.801 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of State Route 16 in Coshocton County as the "Staff Sergeant Paul C. Mardis Jr. Memorial Highway."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, May 24, 2017, p. 505.)

#### **Am. H. B. No. 226 – Representatives Seitz, Sweeney**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Dean, Becker, Thompson, Goodman, Stein, Reineke, Blessing, Koehler**

To amend sections 1705.48, 3737.51, 3737.71, 3737.99, 3743.04, 3743.17, 3743.44, 3743.45, 3743.60, 3743.61, 3743.63, 3743.65, 3743.75, 3743.99, 5703.052, 5703.053, 5703.19, 5703.70, and 5703.77 and to enact sections 3737.04, 3737.05, 3737.06, 3737.07, 3737.08, 3737.09, 3737.10, 3737.11, 3737.12, 3743.46, 3743.47, 3743.591, and 3743.67 of the Revised Code to establish a fireworks study group to review and make recommendations regarding the Fireworks Law, to extend to July 1, 2020, the moratorium on issuing fireworks manufacturer and wholesaler licenses, to eliminate, beginning January 1, 2021, the moratorium on geographic transfer of fireworks manufacturer and wholesaler licenses, and, beginning January 1, 2021, to impose a fee on the retail sale of consumer grade fireworks in this state and to expand the ability of individuals to obtain 1.3G display fireworks and obtain and use 1.4G consumer fireworks.

(Committee on Government Accountability and Oversight recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, September 13, 2017, p. 1028.)

#### **Am. H. B. No. 227 – Representative LaTourette**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Sheehy**

To amend section 4501.21 and to enact section 4503.88 of the Revised Code to create the "Kenston Local Schools" license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, June 8, 2017, p. 545.)

**H. B. No. 229 – Representatives Romanchuk, Wiggam**

**Cosponsors: Representatives DeVitis, Thompson, Sprague, Patton, Reece, Kent, Smith, K., Brenner, Sweeney, Hambley**

To enact section 5.261 of the Revised Code to designate February 3 as "Charles Follis Day."

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, June 21, 2017, p. 571.)

**H. B. No. 244 – Representative Patterson**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Ramos, Sykes, Thompson, Kent, Antani, Antonio, Dever, Boyd, Patton, Gavarone, Sheehy, Sweeney, Boccieri, Slaby, Roegner, Smith, K., Arndt, Miller, Lepore-Hagan, Ashford, Boggs, LaTourette, O'Brien, Sprague, Huffman, Johnson, Kick, Romanchuk**

To enact section 5.236 of the Revised Code to designate the month of June as "Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month."

(Committee on Health recommends passage, see House Journal, September 13, 2017, p. 1029.)

**H. B. No. 257 – Representative Green**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Cera, Craig, Faber, Galonski, Greenspan, Hambley, Lepore-Hagan, Riedel, Rogers, Romanchuk, Schaffer, Smith, K., Sprague, Sweeney, Perales, West, Sheehy, DeVitis, Hughes, Johnson, Kick**

To enact section 5534.804 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of U.S. Route 68 in Brown County as the "Army Specialist David Lee Bingamon Memorial Highway."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, September 13, 2017, p. 1031.)

**H. B. No. 261 – Representatives Anielski, Roegner**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, DeVitis, Hughes, Johnson, Lepore-Hagan, West**

To amend sections 4501.21 and 4503.772 and to enact section 4503.875 of the Revised Code to create the Walsh Jesuit license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, September 13, 2017, p. 1031.)

**H. B. No. 266 – Representative Roegner**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, DeVitis, Hughes, Johnson, Lepore-Hagan, West**

To amend section 4501.21 and to enact section 4503.907 of the Revised Code to create the "Twinsburg City Schools" license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, September 13, 2017, p. 1031.)

**S. B. No. 18 – Senator Thomas**

**Cosponsors: Senators Eklund, Gardner, Beagle, Yuko, Sykes, Brown, Obhof, Coley, Uecker, Bacon, Balderson, Burke, Dolan, Hackett, Hite, Hoagland, Hottinger, Huffman, Jordan, Kunze, LaRose, Lehner, Manning, Oelslager, Peterson, Schiavoni, Skindell, Tavares, Terhar, Williams, Wilson**  
**Representatives Hambley, Boyd, Carfagna**

To enact section 5.291 of the Revised Code to designate September 12 as "Jesse Owens Day."

(House committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, April 25, 2017, p. 350.)

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 7, 2017, p. 201.)

(Senate committee on Government Oversight and Reform recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 2, 2017, p. 181.)

**S. B. No. 27 – Senator Beagle**

**Cosponsors: Senators Bacon, Brown, Eklund, Gardner, Manning, Obhof, Schiavoni, Thomas, Uecker, Williams, Yuko, Hoagland, Oelslager, Tavares, Burke, Kunze, Hackett, Balderson, Coley, Dolan, Hite, Hottinger, Huffman, Jordan, LaRose, Lehner, Peterson, Skindell, Sykes, Terhar, Wilson**  
**Representatives Hambley, Boyd, Carfagna**

To amend section 5.2281 of the Revised Code to designate the period beginning March 13 and ending April 15 as "Ohio Deaf History Month."

(House committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, April 25, 2017, p. 351.)

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 7, 2017, p. 203.)

(Senate committee on Health, Human Services and Medicaid recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 2, 2017, p. 181.)

**Pending Matters**

**Am. Sub. H. B. No. 49 – Representative Smith, R. – et al.**

To make operating appropriations for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019, and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs.

(Line item vetoes 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 28, 29, 32, 35, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, and 47, see House Journal, July 6, 2017, p. 972.)



Please let me know if you have any questions. Have a great evening!

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**Bills for Third Consideration**

**Am. H. B. No. 215 – Representative Riedel**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Manning, Celebrezze, Rogers, Seitz**

To amend sections 1901.01, 1901.02, 1901.03, 1901.07, 1901.08, 1901.312, 1901.34, and 1907.11 of the Revised Code to create the Paulding County Municipal Court in Paulding on January 1, 2020, to establish one full-time judgeship in that court, to provide for the nomination of the judge by petition only, to abolish the Paulding County County Court on that date, and to provide for the election for the Paulding County Municipal Court of one full-time judge in 2019.

(Committee on Criminal Justice recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, June 21, 2017, p. 569.)

**Am. H. B. No. 116 – Representative Merrin**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Hambley, McColley, Becker, Roegner, Seitz, Carfagna, Hood, Brinkman, Riedel, Goodman, Sheehy, Keller, Antani, Vitale, Zeltwanger, Koehler, Dean, Boccieri, Stein, Retherford, Young, Householder**

To amend sections 5739.01 and 5739.02 of the Revised Code to exempt prescription eyeglasses, contact lenses, and other optical aids sold by licensed dispensers from sales and use tax beginning July 2019.

(Committee on Ways and Means recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, April 26, 2017, p. 358.)

**H. B. No. 235 – Representative Gavarone**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Brenner, Cupp, Hambley**

To amend section 3302.09 of the Revised Code regarding procedures for approval or disapproval of the state education plan for the federal Every Student Succeeds Act.

(Committee on Education and Career Readiness recommends passage, see House Journal, June 21, 2017, p. 571.)

**H. B. No. 159 – Representative Riedel**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Hambley, Sweeney, Brenner, Dean, Cupp, Reineke, Blessing, Lepore-Hagan, Smith, K., Goodman, Thompson, Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, DeVitis, Householder, Hughes, Johnson, Reece, West**

To enact section 5.292 of the Revised Code to designate May as "Drive Ohio Byways Month."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, May 24, 2017, p. 504.)

**H. B. No. 252 – Representative Huffman**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Cupp, Faber, Thompson, Lepore-Hagan, Sweeney, Boccieri, West, Rogers, Reece, Ashford, Gavarone, Johnson, Kick, LaTourette, Romanchuk, Sykes**

To enact section 5.2519 of the Revised Code to designate the month of January as "Blood Donor Awareness Month."

(Committee on Health recommends passage, see House Journal, September 13, 2017, p. 1030.)

**H. B. No. 196 – Representative Lipps**

**Cosponsors: Representatives West, Sprague, Riedel, Wiggam, Smith, R., Bocchieri, Thompson, Sweeney, Lepore-Hagan, Antonio, Stein, Cupp, Miller, Huffman, Gavarone, Antani, Johnson**

To enact section 5.2518 of the Revised Code to designate October as "Ohio Chiropractic Awareness Month."

(Committee on Health recommends passage, see House Journal, May 17, 2017, p. 475.)

**S. B. No. 57 – Senator Kunze**

**Cosponsors: Senators Coley, Brown, Beagle, Eklund, Schiavoni, Oelslager, Yuko, Hackett, Lehner, Tavares, Gardner, Bacon, Balderson, Burke, Dolan, Hife, Hoagland, Huffman, LaRose, Manning, Obhof, O'Brien, Peterson, Skindell, Sykes, Terhar, Thomas, Uecker, Williams, Wilson Representatives Huffman, Gavarone, Antonio, Barnes, Duffey, Ginter, Kent, LaTourette, Lepore-Hagan, West**

To enact section 5.291 of the Revised Code to designate the seventeenth day of May as "Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma Awareness Day."

(House committee on Health recommends passage, see House Journal, May 1, 2017, p. 363.)

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 15, 2017, p. 239.)

(Senate committee on Health, Human Services and Medicaid recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 8, 2017, p. 209.)

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**(Bills or resolutions below the black line have been recommended for passage or adoption by designated committees)**

**Sub. H. B. No. 2 – Representative Seitz**

To amend sections 2315.18, 2315.21, 4112.01, 4112.02, 4112.04, 4112.05, 4112.08, 4112.14, and 4112.99; to amend, for the purpose of adopting new section numbers as indicated in parentheses, sections 4112.051 (4112.055) and 4112.052 (4112.056); and to enact new sections 4112.051 and 4112.052 and section 4112.054 of the Revised Code to modify Ohio civil rights laws related to employment.

(Committee on Economic Development, Commerce, and Labor recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, May 10, 2017, p. 449.)

**H. B. No. 24 – Representative Ginter**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Schaffer, Rogers, Cera, Green, Hambley, Retherford, Ryan**  
To amend section 5709.17 of the Revised Code to modify the existing tax exemption for veterans organizations' property to include property of certain veterans organizations exempt from federal taxation under section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code and to exclude property that is not used primarily for meetings, administration, and the provision of programs and services to past and present members of the United States armed forces.

(Committee on Ways and Means recommends passage, see House Journal, June 20, 2017, p. 553.)

**Sub. H. B. No. 35 – Representative Hughes**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Patton, Lipps, Antani, Blessing, Faber, Schaffer, Hambley, Sprague, Bocchieri, Seitz, Dever, Brenner, Leland**

To amend sections 102.02, 109.572, 111.15, 119.01, 121.07, 131.11, 135.03, 135.032, 135.32, 135.321, 135.51, 135.52, 135.53, 323.134, 339.06, 513.17, 749.081, 755.141, 902.01, 924.10,

924.26, 924.45, 1101.01, 1101.02, 1101.03, 1101.15, 1101.16, 1103.01, 1103.02, 1103.03, 1103.06, 1103.07, 1103.08, 1103.09, 1103.11, 1103.13, 1103.14, 1103.15, 1103.16, 1103.18, 1103.19, 1103.20, 1103.21, 1105.01, 1105.02, 1105.03, 1105.04, 1105.08, 1105.10, 1105.11, 1107.03, 1107.05, 1107.07, 1107.09, 1107.11, 1107.13, 1107.15, 1109.01, 1109.02, 1109.03, 1109.05, 1109.08, 1109.10, 1109.15, 1109.16, 1109.17, 1109.22, 1109.23, 1109.24, 1109.25, 1109.26, 1109.31, 1109.32, 1109.33, 1109.34, 1109.35, 1109.36, 1109.39, 1109.40, 1109.43, 1109.44, 1109.45, 1109.47, 1109.48, 1109.49, 1109.53, 1109.54, 1109.55, 1109.59, 1109.61, 1109.63, 1109.64, 1109.65, 1109.69, 1111.01, 1111.02, 1111.03, 1111.04, 1111.06, 1111.07, 1111.08, 1111.09, 1113.01, 1113.03, 1113.05, 1113.06, 1113.08, 1113.09, 1115.01, 1115.05, 1115.06, 1115.07, 1115.11, 1115.111, 1115.14, 1115.15, 1115.20, 1115.23, 1115.27, 1117.01, 1117.02, 1117.04, 1117.05, 1119.11, 1119.17, 1119.23, 1119.26, 1121.01, 1121.02, 1121.05, 1121.06, 1121.10, 1121.12, 1121.13, 1121.15, 1121.16, 1121.17, 1121.18, 1121.21, 1121.23, 1121.26, 1121.30, 1121.33, 1121.34, 1121.38, 1121.41, 1121.43, 1121.45, 1121.47, 1121.48, 1121.50, 1121.56, 1123.01, 1125.01, 1125.03, 1125.04, 1125.05, 1125.06, 1125.09, 1125.10, 1125.11, 1125.12, 1125.13, 1125.14, 1125.17, 1125.18, 1125.19, 1125.20, 1125.21, 1125.22, 1125.23, 1125.24, 1125.25, 1125.26, 1125.27, 1125.28, 1125.29, 1125.30, 1125.33, 1181.01, 1181.02, 1181.03, 1181.04, 1181.05, 1181.06, 1181.07, 1181.10, 1181.11, 1181.21, 1181.25, 1349.16, 1509.07, 1509.225, 1510.09, 1514.04, 1707.03, 1901.31, 2335.25, 3351.07, 3767.41, 4303.293, and 5814.01; to amend, for the purpose of adopting new section numbers as indicated in parentheses, sections 1103.01 (1113.01), 1103.06 (1113.04), 1103.08 (1113.12), 1103.09 (1113.13), 1103.11 (1113.11), 1103.13 (1113.14), 1103.14 (1113.15), 1103.15 (1113.16), 1103.16 (1113.17), 1103.21 (1117.07), and 1113.01 (1113.02) and to enact new section 1121.52 and sections 1101.05, 1103.99, 1109.021, 1109.04, 1109.151, 1109.441, 1109.62, 1114.01, 1114.02, 1114.03, 1114.04, 1114.05, 1114.06, 1114.07, 1114.08, 1114.09, 1114.10, 1114.11, 1114.12, 1114.16, 1115.02, 1115.03, 1115.24, 1116.01, 1116.02, 1116.05, 1116.06, 1116.07, 1116.08, 1116.09, 1116.10, 1116.11, 1116.12, 1116.13, 1116.16, 1116.18, 1116.19, 1116.20, 1116.21, and 1121.19, and to repeal sections 1105.06, 1107.01, 1109.60, 1115.18, 1115.19, 1115.25, 1121.52, 1133.01, 1133.02, 1133.03, 1133.04, 1133.05, 1133.06, 1133.07, 1133.08, 1133.09, 1133.10, 1133.11, 1133.12, 1133.13, 1133.14, 1133.15, 1133.16, 1151.01, 1151.02, 1151.03, 1151.04, 1151.05, 1151.051, 1151.052, 1151.053, 1151.06, 1151.07, 1151.08, 1151.081, 1151.09, 1151.091, 1151.10, 1151.11, 1151.12, 1151.13, 1151.14, 1151.15, 1151.16, 1151.17, 1151.18, 1151.19, 1151.191, 1151.192, 1151.20, 1151.201, 1151.21, 1151.22, 1151.23, 1151.231, 1151.24, 1151.25, 1151.26, 1151.27, 1151.28, 1151.29, 1151.291, 1151.292, 1151.293, 1151.294, 1151.295, 1151.296, 1151.297, 1151.298, 1151.299, 1151.2910, 1151.2911, 1151.30, 1151.31, 1151.311, 1151.312, 1151.32, 1151.321, 1151.323, 1151.33, 1151.34, 1151.341, 1151.342, 1151.343, 1151.344, 1151.345, 1151.346, 1151.347, 1151.348, 1151.349, 1151.35, 1151.36, 1151.361, 1151.37, 1151.38, 1151.39, 1151.40, 1151.41, 1151.411, 1151.42, 1151.44, 1151.45, 1151.46, 1151.47, 1151.471, 1151.48, 1151.49, 1151.51, 1151.52, 1151.53, 1151.54, 1151.55, 1151.60, 1151.61, 1151.62, 1151.63, 1151.64, 1151.66, 1151.71, 1151.72, 1151.99, 1153.03, 1153.05, 1153.06, 1153.07, 1153.99, 1155.01, 1155.011, 1155.02, 1155.021, 1155.03, 1155.05, 1155.07, 1155.071, 1155.08, 1155.09, 1155.091, 1155.10, 1155.11, 1155.12, 1155.15, 1155.16, 1155.17, 1155.18, 1155.20, 1155.21, 1155.23, 1155.24, 1155.25, 1155.26, 1155.27, 1155.28, 1155.31, 1155.35, 1155.37, 1155.41, 1155.42, 1155.43, 1155.44, 1155.45, 1155.46, 1155.47, 1157.01, 1157.03, 1157.04, 1157.05, 1157.06, 1157.09, 1157.10, 1157.11, 1157.12, 1157.13, 1157.14, 1157.17, 1157.18, 1157.19, 1157.20, 1157.21, 1157.22, 1157.23, 1157.24, 1157.25, 1157.26, 1157.27, 1157.28, 1157.29, 1157.30, 1157.33, 1161.01, 1161.02, 1161.03, 1161.04, 1161.05, 1161.06, 1161.07, 1161.071, 1161.08, 1161.09, 1161.10, 1161.11, 1161.111, 1161.12, 1161.13, 1161.14, 1161.15, 1161.16, 1161.17, 1161.18, 1161.19, 1161.20, 1161.21, 1161.22, 1161.23, 1161.24, 1161.25, 1161.26, 1161.27, 1161.28, 1161.29, 1161.30, 1161.31, 1161.32, 1161.33, 1161.34, 1161.35, 1161.36, 1161.37, 1161.38, 1161.39, 1161.40, 1161.41, 1161.42, 1161.43, 1161.44, 1161.441, 1161.45, 1161.46, 1161.47, 1161.48, 1161.49, 1161.50, 1161.51, 1161.52, 1161.53, 1161.54, 1161.55, 1161.56, 1161.57, 1161.58, 1161.59, 1161.60, 1161.601, 1161.61, 1161.62, 1161.63, 1161.631, 1161.64, 1161.65, 1161.66, 1161.67, 1161.68, 1161.69, 1161.70, 1161.71, 1161.72, 1161.73, 1161.74, 1161.75, 1161.76, 1161.77, 1161.78, 1161.79,

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(Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing, and Urban Development recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, March 8, 2017, p. 217.)

**Am. H. B. No. 39 – Representatives Arndt, Gavarone**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Anielski, Hambley, Bishoff, Carfagna**

To enact section 505.872 of the Revised Code to authorize certain townships to require the removal of snow and ice from sidewalks abutting property.

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, March 22, 2017, p. 261.)

**Sub. H. B. No. 42 – Representatives Sprague, DeVitis**

**Cosponsor : Representative Seitz**

To amend section 1345.99 and to enact section 1345.022 of the Revised Code to prohibit the installation of unsafe used tires on certain motor vehicles.

(Committee on Economic Development, Commerce, and Labor recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, May 10, 2017, p. 449.)

**Sub. H. B. No. 50 – Representative Schaffer**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Roegner, Koehler, Retherford, McColley, Brenner, Conditt, Thompson, Becker, Wiggam, Riedel, Blessing, Henna, Dean, Seitz, Merrin, Goodman, LaTourette, Hambley, Antani, Young**

To amend sections 4501.27, 5101.33, and 5101.542 and to enact section 5101.331 of the Revised Code to establish requirements for electronic benefit transfer cards issued under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

(Committee on Community and Family Advancement recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, June 8, 2017, p. 543.)

**Am. H. B. No. 51 – Representative Faber**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Becker, Brinkman, Butler, Dean, Dever, DeVitis, Green, Goodman, Hagan, Henne, Keller, Kick, Koehler, Lipps, Merrin, Retherford, Riedel, Roegner, Romanchuk, Scherer, Stein, Thompson, Vitale, Young**

To amend section 117.46 and to enact sections 101.88, 101.881, 101.882, and 101.89 of the Revised Code to require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review.

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, May 16, 2017, p. 463.)

**H. B. No. 58 – Representatives Brenner, Slaby**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Perales, Zeltwanger, Vitale, Hambley, Conditt, Young, Roegner, Riedel, Thompson, Dean, Cupp, Keller, Blessing**

To amend section 3313.60 of the Revised Code to require instruction in cursive handwriting.

(Committee on Higher Education and Workforce Development recommends passage, see House Journal, June 21, 2017, p. 567.)

**H. B. No. 76 – Representatives Arndt, Gavarone**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, DeVitis, Householder, Hughes, Johnson, Patmon**

To amend section 4501.21 and to enact sections 4503.436 and 4503.566 of the Revised Code to create the "Ohio National Guard Ohio Cross" license plate and the "Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge" license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, March 16, 2017, p. 247.)

**H. B. No. 79 – Representatives Retherford, Hagan**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Hambley, Seitz, Dean, Thompson, Brenner, Faber, Becker, Vitale, Brinkman, Koehler, Riedel, Goodman, Antani, Stein, Hood, Schaffer, Blessing, Roegner, Merrin**

To amend sections 109.71, 109.73, 109.75, 109.79, 109.801, and 2923.126 and to enact sections 109.748 and 109.771 of the Revised Code to provide for firearms training for tactical medical professionals; to permit such a professional who has received that training and has been authorized by the law enforcement agency to carry firearms while on duty; and to grant such a professional the same right to carry a concealed handgun in this state as a concealed handgun licensee.

(Committee on Federalism and Interstate Relations recommends passage, see House Journal, September 13, 2017, p. 1027.)

**H. B. No. 88 – Representative Anielski**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Patton, Roegner, Slaby, Howse, Celebrezze, Sykes, Green, Greenspan, DeVitis, Householder, Hughes, Johnson, West**

To amend section 4501.21 and to enact section 4503.905 of the Revised Code to create the "Cuyahoga Valley Career Center" license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, March 16, 2017, p. 248.)

**Am. H. B. No. 104 – Representative Schaffer**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Henne, Boccieri, Seitz, Becker, Riedel, Hood, Brinkman, Stein, Bishoff, Dever, Brenner**

To amend section 5739.121 of the Revised Code to allow vendors to receive a refund of sales tax remitted for bad debts on private label credit accounts when the debt is charged off as uncollectible by the credit account lender.

(Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing, and Urban Development recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, April 26, 2017, p. 358.)

**Am. H. B. No. 134 – Representatives Hambley, Kick**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Wiggam, Stein**

To amend sections 307.283 and 5739.026 of the Revised Code to allow community improvements board grants to a school district to be spent for permanent improvements outside the county so long as the improvements are within the school district.

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, May 16, 2017, p. 464.)

**H. B. No. 135 – Representative Patmon**

To enact section 5.49 of the Revised Code to designate June 12th as "Superman Day."

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, May 16, 2017, p. 465.)

**H. B. No. 136 – Representative Arndt**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, Hughes, Lepore-Hagan, West**

To enact sections 5534.802 and 5534.803 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of State Route 61 in Erie County as the "SGT David Sexton Memorial Highway" and a portion of Benton-Carroll Road in Ottawa County as "SGT Glen Millinger Memorial Highway."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, May 1, 2017, p. 364.)

**H. B. No. 140 – Representative Green**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Boccieri, Cera, Faber, Johnson, Lipps, Miller, Perales, Riedel, Rogers, Sheehy, Sprague, Sweeney, Greenspan, Hughes, Lepore-Hagan**

To enact section 5534.78 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of State Route 32 in Brown and Highland Counties as the "Army Specialist Danny Raymond King Memorial Highway."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, May 1, 2017, p. 365.)

**H. B. No. 183 – Representative Perales**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Butler, Sweeney, Craig, Hambley, Boccieri, Riedel, Lipps, Rezabek, Seitz, O'Brien, Johnson, Lanese, Landis, Miller, Young**

To enact section 4561.02 of the Revised Code to establish the Governing Board of the Ohio Aviation Hall of Fame and Learning Center for purposes of establishing the Hall and inducting persons into it.

(Committee on Armed Services, Veterans Affairs, and Homeland Security recommends passage, see House Journal, June 8, 2017, p. 544.)

**H. B. No. 194 – Representatives Johnson, Craig**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Anielski, Arndt, Boccieri, Butler, Conditt, Dean, Dever, Ginter, Gonzales, Keller, Landis, Riedel, Ryan, Stein, Strahorn, Thompson, Wiggam, Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, DeVitis, Householder, Howse, Hughes, Lepore-Hagan, Manning, Reece, West**

To enact section 4503.29 and to repeal sections 4503.431, 4503.432, 4503.433, 4503.434, 4503.48, 4503.481, 4503.53, 4503.532, 4503.533, 4503.536, 4503.537, 4503.538, 4503.54, 4503.541, 4503.543, 4503.544, 4503.547, 4503.548, 4503.571, 4503.581, 4503.59, and 4503.731 of the Revised Code to establish a program for the issuance of special license plates related to military service and awards.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, May 24, 2017, p. 505.)

**H. B. No. 202 – Representative Thompson**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Johnson, Ramos, Stein, Retherford, Arndt, Rogers, Duffey, Goodman, Riedel, Howse, Smith, K., Romanchuk, Greenspan, Lepore-Hagan, Conditt, Anielski, Hill, Miller, Boccieri, Gavarone, Hambley, Scherer, Ginter, Sweeney, Sprague, West, Dean, Brenner, Kent, Cupp, Keller, Reece, Faber, Lanese, Landis, Young, Zeltwanger**  
To enact section 5.481 of the Revised Code to designate the first Saturday of May as "Veterans Suicide Awareness Day."

(Committee on Armed Services, Veterans Affairs, and Homeland Security recommends passage, see House Journal, May 25, 2017, p. 516.)

**H. B. No. 212 – Representative Householder**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, DeVitis, Hughes, Johnson, Keller, Lepore-Hagan, Manning, Patton, Reece, West**

To enact section 5534.801 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of State Route 16 in Coshocton County as the "Staff Sergeant Paul C. Mardis Jr. Memorial Highway."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, May 24, 2017, p. 505.)

**Am. H. B. No. 226 – Representatives Seitz, Sweeney**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Dean, Becker, Thompson, Goodman, Stein, Reinecke, Blessing, Koehler**

To amend sections 1705.48, 3737.51, 3737.71, 3737.99, 3743.04, 3743.17, 3743.44, 3743.45, 3743.60, 3743.61, 3743.63, 3743.65, 3743.75, 3743.99, 5703.052, 5703.053, 5703.19, 5703.70, and 5703.77 and to enact sections 3737.04, 3737.05, 3737.06, 3737.07, 3737.08, 3737.09, 3737.10, 3737.11, 3737.12, 3743.46, 3743.47, 3743.591, and 3743.67 of the Revised Code to establish a fireworks study group to review and make recommendations regarding the Fireworks Law, to extend to July 1, 2020, the moratorium on issuing fireworks manufacturer and wholesaler licenses, to eliminate, beginning January 1, 2021, the moratorium on geographic transfer of fireworks manufacturer and wholesaler licenses, and, beginning January 1, 2021, to impose a fee on the retail sale of consumer grade fireworks in this state and to expand the ability of individuals to obtain 1.3G display fireworks and obtain and use 1.4G consumer fireworks.

(Committee on Government Accountability and Oversight recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, September 13, 2017, p. 1028.)

**Am. H. B. No. 227 – Representative LaTourette**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Sheehy**

To amend section 4501.21 and to enact section 4503.88 of the Revised Code to create the "Kenston Local Schools" license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, June 8, 2017, p. 545.)

**H. B. No. 229 – Representatives Romanchuk, Wiggam**

**Cosponsors: Representatives DeVitis, Thompson, Sprague, Patton, Reece, Kent, Smith, K., Brenner, Sweeney, Hambley**

To enact section 5.261 of the Revised Code to designate February 3 as "Charles Follis Day."

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, June 21, 2017, p. 571.)

**H. B. No. 244 – Representative Patterson**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Ramos, Sykes, Thompson, Kent, Antani, Antonio, Dever, Boyd, Patton, Gavarone, Sheehy, Sweeney, Bocciari, Slaby, Roegner, Smith, K., Arndt, Miller, Lepore-Hagan, Ashford, Boggs, LaTourette, O'Brien, Sprague, Huffman, Johnson, Kick, Romanchuk**

To enact section 5.236 of the Revised Code to designate the month of June as "Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month."

(Committee on Health recommends passage, see House Journal, September 13, 2017, p. 1029.)

**H. B. No. 257 – Representative Green**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Cera, Craig, Faber, Galonski, Greenspan, Hambley, Lepore-Hagan, Riedel, Rogers, Romanchuk, Schaffer, Smith, K., Sprague, Sweeney, Perales, West, Sheehy, DeVitis, Hughes, Johnson, Kick**

To enact section 5534.804 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of U.S. Route 68 in Brown County as the "Army Specialist David Lee Bingamon Memorial Highway."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, September 13, 2017, p. 1031.)

**H. B. No. 261 – Representatives Anielski, Roegner**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, DeVitis, Hughes, Johnson, Lepore-Hagan, West**

To amend sections 4501.21 and 4503.772 and to enact section 4503.875 of the Revised Code to



create the Walsh Jesuit license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, September 13, 2017, p. 1031.)

**H. B. No. 266 – Representative Roegner**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, DeVitis, Hughes, Johnson, Lepore-Hagan, West**

To amend section 4501.21 and to enact section 4503.907 of the Revised Code to create the "Twinsburg City Schools" license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, September 13, 2017, p. 1031.)

**S. B. No. 18 – Senator Thomas**

**Cosponsors: Senators Eklund, Gardner, Beagle, Yuko, Sykes, Brown, Obhof, Coley, Uecker, Bacon, Balderson, Burke, Dolan, Hackett, Hite, Hoagland, Hottinger, Huffman, Jordan, Kunze, LaRose, Lehner, Manning, Oelslager, Peterson, Schiavoni, Skindell, Tavares, Terhar, Williams, Wilson Representatives Hambley, Boyd, Carfagna**  
To enact section 5.291 of the Revised Code to designate September 12 as "Jesse Owens Day."

(House committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, April 25, 2017, p. 350.)

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 7, 2017, p. 201.)

(Senate committee on Government Oversight and Reform recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 2, 2017, p. 181.)

**S. B. No. 27 – Senator Beagle**

**Cosponsors: Senators Bacon, Brown, Eklund, Gardner, Manning, Obhof, Schiavoni, Thomas, Uecker, Williams, Yuko, Hoagland, Oelslager, Tavares, Burke, Kunze, Hackett, Balderson, Coley, Dolan, Hite, Hottinger, Huffman, Jordan, LaRose, Lehner, Peterson, Skindell, Sykes, Terhar, Wilson Representatives Hambley, Boyd, Carfagna**  
To amend section 5.2281 of the Revised Code to designate the period beginning March 13 and ending April 15 as "Ohio Deaf History Month."

(House committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, April 25, 2017, p. 351.)

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 7, 2017, p. 203.)

(Senate committee on Health, Human Services and Medicaid recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 2, 2017, p. 181.)

**Pending Matters**

**Am. Sub. H. B. No. 49 – Representative Smith, R. – et al.**

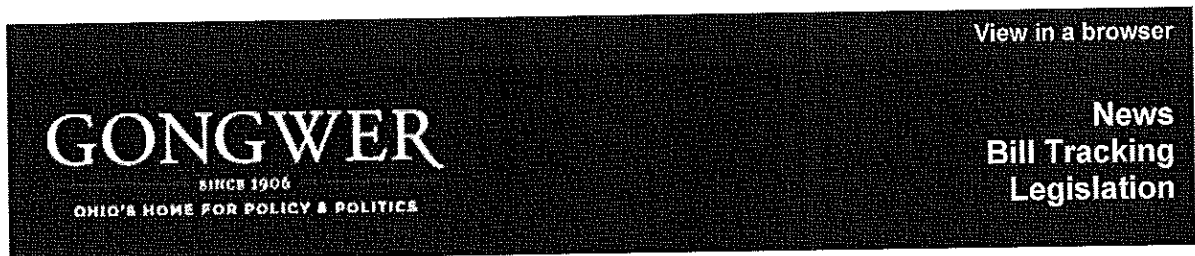
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### Ways & Means

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**HB 292** ■ **OHIO RESIDENCY (Scherer, G.)** To modify the test for determining an individual's state of residence for income tax purposes. (CONTINUED; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**Rep. Gary Scherer** (R-Circleville) said his bill stems from a 2015 Ohio Supreme Court decision (*Cunningham v. Testa*) that incorporated the common law of domicile into Ohio's bright-line residency statute for determining income tax liability.

"This bill would modify the test for determining an individual's state of residence for income tax purposes by replacing the nebulous common law standard that currently applies by adding to the existing test several explicit criteria for establishing that an individual is not

domiciled in Ohio, and therefore not an Ohio resident for tax purposes," he said. To meet the new guidelines under the bill, non-residents would have to show they did not:

--Claim a federal depreciation deduction (which is available only for property used in business or held for the production of income -- e.g., as rental property) for an abode located outside the state, which the person was required to have for the entire taxable year under current law.

--Hold a valid Ohio driver's license or identification card.

--Receive the benefit of an Ohio homestead exemption.

--Receive a tuition discount based on residency for attending an Ohio institution of higher education.

"These criteria, in addition to the existing criteria of having fewer than 213 "contact periods" (i.e., overnight stays), having a non-Ohio abode for the entire taxable year, and filing a truthful statement attesting to such those specific facts, creates an irrebuttable presumption of non-Ohio domicile," Rep. Scherer said. "The bill also extends the deadline for filing such a statement from the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the fourth month following the close of the taxable year to the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the tenth month following the close of the taxable year."

**Rep. John Rogers** (D-Mentor-on-the-Lake) asked about the bill's impacts on municipal taxation. The sponsor said that while local interests and a wide variety of stakeholders has worked on the bill for a year, it was decided to keep the proposal focused on state taxes.

To that issue, **Rep. Michael Henne** (R-Clayton) asked if the measure would result in a person being deemed a non-resident for state tax purposes but a resident of a city for municipal tax purposes. Rep. Scherer said that could be the case.

The sponsor told **Rep. Dan Ramos** (D-Lorain) that the bill would not impact a citizen's ability to vote or get in-state tuition rates.

#### **HB 333**

**TAX RETURNS (Becker, J., Leland, D.)** To allow married couples to elect to file either separate state tax returns or a joint state return, irrespective of their federal filing status. (**CONTINUED (See separate story)**; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

#### **HB 334**

**BUSINESS INCOME (Scherer, G.)** To provide that wages and guaranteed payments paid by a professional employer organization to the owner of a pass-through entity that has contracted with the organization may be considered business income. (**CONTINUED**; 1st Hearing-Sponsor & proponent)

Rep. Scherer said his bill would "clarify" that compensation and guaranteed payments paid by a professional employer organization to the owner of a pass-through entity that has contracted with the organization will legally constitute a distributive share to the owner.

The proposal, he said, follows a Department of Taxation interpretation of the small business deduction guidelines that led to certain owners who used PEOs being deemed ineligible for the tax break. ODT, according to the sponsor, deemed that owners of the pass-through entity must also meet other criteria including at least a 20% ownership of the PEO with which they contract.

"HB334 will remedy this technicality and ensure that business owners who made the choice to hire a PEO - a choice they made to ensure efficient human resources administration and regulatory compliance - are not penalized," Rep. Scherer said.

"In addition, HB334 is consistent with the Ohio statute governing PEOs and the PEO-client employment relationship. ORC 4125 stipulates for the purposes of tax credits and incentives the client company is the sole employer. That language was enacted to ensure a PEO client company does not lose access to any tax benefit due to being in a PEO arrangement." Responding to a question from Rep. Henne, the sponsor said owners of pass-through entities are considered employees under contracts with PEOs.

Rep. Scherer told Rep. Doug Green (R-Mt. Orab) that assessments have been made and taxes paid under ODT's interpretation, however the agency has since suspended its enforcement pending the outcome of the legislation.

#### **Financial Institutions, Housing & Urban Development**

##### **HB 182 DEBT ADJUSTING (Seitz, B.) Regarding debt adjusting. (CONTINUED-SUBSTITUTE; 3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible substitute)**

The committee accepted a substitute bill that moved the debt adjusting proposal to the law governing credit service organizations and assigned an expressed mental state to the prohibition against violating the debt adjusting law, Vice Chair Rep. Robert Sprague (R-Findlay) said.

##### **HB 251 SUBDIVISION INVESTMENTS (Greenspan, D.) To increase from five to ten years the maturity period of other political subdivision's bonds and obligations eligible for investment of a subdivision's interim moneys. (CONTINUED; 3rd Hearing-All testimony)**

Cuyahoga County Councilman Jack Schron said the county created the Cuyahoga County Municipal Infrastructure Program, which is designed to provide municipalities in the counties with bond payments at higher rates than through traditional investments.

So far, no entities have taken advantage of the program because the five-year limit on bonds makes the investment impractical due to the fees, he said.

Rep. Catherine Ingram (D-Cincinnati) asked about the expected participation if the timeframe is expanded to 10 years.

Mr. Schron said he has been told by local entities that this step would encourage them to join.

Rep. Bill Reineke (R-Tiffin) asked if 10 years is enough.

Mr. Schron said 10 years is a great start, and more years could be added down the road if those are needed.

He said the county has said it will set aside up to 10% of its investment portfolio for the program, which would be around \$100 million, but they have not set aside any money yet.

Dennis Kennedy, Cuyahoga County's fiscal officer, said the bill would increase the period of financing for the bonds from five years to ten years.

He said he hoped being able to expand the period of investment in bonds to 10 years would provide the county with more options for revenue, particularly considering the loss of revenue from the Medicaid managed care sales tax.



"Expanded flexibility in our investment options will help create additional revenue opportunities for our immediate future," he said.

**Rep. Kent Smith** (D-Euclid) asked what kind of revenue the county could expect.

Mr. Kennedy said they estimate the revenue at about \$300,000 to \$400,000 per year.

**HB 282** **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF (Hambley, S.)** To expressly prohibit criminal mischief relating to residential rental property and to prohibit a metropolitan housing authority from renting or providing housing assistance to a person who has recently been convicted of criminal mischief relating to residential rental property. (CONTINUED; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

Sponsor **Rep. Steve Hambley** (R-Brunswick) said the bill would include residential rental property under the criminal mischief statute, creating a stricter penalty for the intentional damaging of residential properties.

Such damage to rental property is currently prosecuted under the criminal damaging statute, which includes a maximum jail sentence of 90 days and a maximum \$750 in fines, he said. The criminal mischief statute would be a first-degree misdemeanor, punishable by up to six months in jail and a fine of \$1,000.

"This bill would subject a tenant to the same penalties under existing law as any other person found guilty of mischief," he said. "The tenant at fault would have to knowingly damage the residential property."

The bill would also deem someone convicted of criminal mischief for damaging a rental property ineligible for public housing assistance for three years after conviction.

The sponsor said the bill is not anti-renter, but provides a deterrent against the intentional damage of rental property.

"I am not saying people who are tenants tend to be bad or predisposed to abusing and destroying the property of their landlords," he said. "I believe the real question is this: are there enough checks and balances, legal rewards and sanctions to discourage the extreme behavior of a discrete number of renters that destroy private and public housing?"

**HB 320** **STATE FINANCES (Hagan, C., Roegner, K.)** To create the Long-range Financial Outlook Council for the purpose of informing the public and the General Assembly about the financial status of the state by studying financial and other conditions and issuing an annual long-range financial outlook report. (CONTINUED (See separate story); 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**HB 329** **PYRAMID SCHEMES (Pelanda, D.)** To modify the law governing pyramid promotional schemes. (CONTINUED; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

Sponsor **Rep. Dorothy Pelanda** (R-Marysville) said the legislation would improve consumer protection against pyramid schemes by drawing a line between direct selling companies and pyramid scheme.

"The lack of a clear pyramid scheme law in statute may create confusion among the public, particularly when considering that some masquerade as legitimate direct selling companies to defraud consumers," she said. "Not only will this legislation protect the public from these schemes - it will guide legitimate direct selling companies as to what constitutes acceptable business practices."

The legislation would clarify enforcement and enact a law to protect legitimate sellers, differentiate the legal earning opportunities of direct selling companies from frauds, and establish direct selling as a legitimate business practice when participants purchase reasonable amounts of product for their own use.

Chairman Rep. Jonathan Dever (R-Cincinnati) asked the sponsor how she was including people who are using the network marketing business model.

Rep. Pelanda said she believed there will be people at an interested party next week who will help shed light on those models.

## **Energy & Natural Resources**

### **HB 272**

**HUNTING LICENSES (Householder, L., Kick, D.)** To allow a landowner's grandchildren of any age to hunt or fish on the landowner's property without obtaining a hunting license, deer permit, wild turkey permit, fur taker permit, fishing license, or waterfowl hunting permit, and to allow certain partially disabled veterans to receive a free license, permit, or wetlands habitat stamp.

(CONTINUED; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

Rep. Larry Householder (R-Glenford) and Rep. Darrell Kick (R-Loudonville) said their legislation would make two changes to Ohio's Hunting and Fishing Laws.

"Firstly, the bill would allow for grandchildren to hunt and fish on their grandparents' property without a license," Rep. Householder said. "Under current law, a grandchild may hunt or fish on their grandparents' property without a license only up to age 18. Our legislation does away with this arbitrary age restriction. Hunting and fishing are family activities and should be enjoyed as such with as little government intrusion as possible."

Rep. Kick said the other component would allow a partially disabled veteran to receive a free lifetime hunting and fishing license.

"Under current law, resident veterans with a total disability are awarded a hunting and fishing license free of charge, on an annual, multi-year, or lifetime basis as determined by the Ohio Chief of Wildlife. This bill extends that right to partially disabled veterans as well," Rep. Kick said.

Rep. Kick said the bill defines "a partially disabled veteran" as: a resident of this state who is a veteran of the armed forces of the United States, including reserve components thereof, or of the national guard, who has been discharged or released from active duty in the armed forces under honorable conditions, and who has received a schedule rating of fifty per cent or more for compensation based on individual unemployability for a service-connected disability or combination of service-connected disabilities as prescribed in Title 38, Part 4 of the Code of Federal Regulations, as amended.

"There are many veterans who have suffered injuries protecting our country. They should not have to be totally disabled before we show our respect and appreciation for their service," he said. "This legislation is about respect for Ohio veterans and Ohio families."

Rep. Christina Hagan (R-Alliance) asked about the fiscal impacts of the legislation. Rep.

Householder said the Legislative Service Commission would be providing a Fiscal Note, but added that it was more important to focus on the benefit to veterans through the bill.

Rep. Michael O'Brien (D-Warren) said his son is a veteran who is considered 60% disabled but wondered how he would qualify since he doesn't have an ID that spells that out. Rep.

Householder said the process would be similar to the current system of granting licenses to totally disabled veterans. Rep. John Bocchieri (D-Alliance) added that the disability determination is made by the U.S. Veterans Administration.

Responding to questions from the chair, Rep. Kick said the bill eliminates the age limit for the grandchild hunters exemption but does not deal with registration.

**HCR 14** **PARIS ACCORD (Lepore-Hagan, M., Leland, D.)** To affirm the commitment of the members of the General Assembly, in accordance with the aims of the Paris Agreement, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 26 to 28 per cent below 2005 levels by the year 2025. (**CONTINUED**; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

Rep. David Leland (D-Columbus) said the resolution "would affirm the commitment by the great State of Ohio to reduce greenhouse emissions in the United States by supporting the Paris agreement."

"As we all watched the devastation created by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma--their intensity fueled by waters overheated by greenhouse gases--it is clear- now more than ever--that we need to re-affirm the Paris agreement," he said.

The Paris Agreement, backed by President Barack Obama but never ratified by the GOP-led Congress, was agreed to in November 2016 by 197 nations to a goal of curbing global temperature increases and reducing net greenhouse gas emissions. Republican President Donald Trump announced this summer that the U.S. would no longer participate.

Rep. Michele Lepore-Hagan (D-Youngstown), the other main sponsor, said policymakers "should heed and embrace that call in the same spirit of inventiveness and imagination that inspired the Wright Brothers to take flight, Harvey Firestone, B.F. Goodrich and Frank Seiberling to put millions of Americans on the road, and Neil Armstrong to take a giant leap for all mankind."

"Joining the 13 states, hundreds of elected officials and university presidents, and more than one thousand five hundred companies, including many of America's largest and most innovative, in supporting the Paris accords will truly be a giant leap forward for Ohio businesses and workers," she said. "As a lifelong resident of Youngstown, I experienced first-hand the devastation that took place on Sept. 19, 1977 when the steel industry began to implode."

The Democrat said the failure to adopt forward-thinking strategies helped doom the steel industry in the Mahoning Valley.

"That experience informs my support for the Paris Accords. The workers across America who responded enthusiastically to President Trump when he said he would make America great again by restoring good-paying manufacturing jobs are now at risk of losing the opportunity to participate in one of the industries that will drive the economy in the 21st Century," Rep. Lepore-Hagan said. "I find it ironic that the people who cheered then-candidate Trump in cities across Ohio, including Youngstown, may now be left on the sidelines as corporations and workers in Shanghai, Beijing, Viet Nam, Europe, and the rest of the world outside the United States lead, profit, and prosper from the lean energy revolution."

Rep. Nino Vitale (R-Urbana) said Mr. Trump was elected "overwhelmingly" by Ohioans after he ran a campaign that included promises to pull out of the Paris Accords. He questioned why the legislature would pass a resolution contradicting that position.

Ms. Lepore-Hagan said "there were many promises" made by the president, some of which were not kept. She said there were other reasons Ohioans voted for the Republican, and reiterated that "taking a proactive approach is more universal and more worldly and for our future."

Chairman Rep. Al Landis (R-Dover) questioned whether a focus on alternative energy wouldn't cost Ohio jobs in oil, gas and coal industries. Rep. Leland responded that the state's fossil fuel system "won't be replaced overnight" while adding that there's already 100,000 clean energy jobs in the state.

"The question is what are we going to do moving forward," he said. Clean energy jobs reflect "the real patter for growth" going forward.

Rep. Boccieri asked the sponsors to comment on the national security implications of climate change.

Rep. Lepore-Hagan said it's important that the U.S. not lose its "seat at the table for international negotiations" over the issue. "It's dangerous for us and our economy," she said.

Rep. Leland said that the Pentagon is very concerned about climate change, pointing to the refugee crisis and related developments that pose a national threat to the U.S.

Rep. Lepore-Hagan also pointed to China's plans to spend billions on clean energy while canceling plans for additional coal plants.

Chairman Landis said that given China helped collapse the U.S. steel market by dumping steel on the markets dating to the 1970s, that wouldn't be a nation whose example should be followed. "That's very concerning to me," he said.

Rep. Leland said it's not about following China's lead, rather following an agreement that's been overwhelmingly endorsed by other nations.

### **Public Utilities**

**HB 239** **SECURITY RESOURCES** (Smith, R., Carfagna, R.) To allow electric distribution utilities to recover costs for a national security generation resource. (**CONTINUED-SUBSTITUTE** (See separate story); 5th Hearing-Possible substitute)

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### **Criminal Justice**

**HB 278** **VEHICULAR ASSAULT** (Patton, T., Keller, C.) To include negligently causing serious physical harm to a law enforcement officer while operating a motor vehicle or other specified mode of transportation as a violation of the offense of vehicular assault. (**CONTINUED**; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

The goal of increasing the penalty from a minor misdemeanor to a first-degree misdemeanor is to ensure drivers are moving over when they come upon stopped traffic, the bill's sponsors said.

"Just this past year, two Ohio law enforcement officers, Cleveland Police officer David Fahey, and Ohio State Patrol Trooper Kenneth Velez, were struck and killed in the line of

duty while working on the side of the highway," **Rep. Tom Patton** (R-Strongsville) said in prepared testimony.

"In response to these terrible tragedies, Rep. (Brigid) Kelly and I agree that it is pertinent to find ways to better protect our law enforcement officials who serve in these precarious situations."

There are no official records of how many individuals have been struck or nearly struck by vehicles when traffic was stopped, Rep. Kelly said, but there is plenty of anecdotal evidence. "As members of the legislature, we have an obligation and a responsibility to make life better for the people in our communities, and that means keeping the people that keep our communities safe - safe when they are at work and making sure they return home to their families and communities exactly the way in which they departed," she said.

**HB 283**      **ADOPTIONS (Rezabek, J.)** To require the juvenile court judge to provide written consent to certain adoptions involving abused, neglected, or dependent children. (CONTINUED; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

The measure is aimed at clarifying jurisdictions of probate and juvenile courts during adoption proceedings that involve abuse, neglect, or dependency cases, Rep. Jeff Rezabek (R-Clayton) said.

"When approached about putting forth legislation to correct this issue, I immediately started thinking back to my own experiences with abuse, neglect, or dependency cases," said Rep. Rezabek, who is a juvenile defense attorney.

"The practice of forum shopping occurs in these cases as a way to try to expedite the adoption process. House Bill 283 seeks to stop the practice of forum shopping in cases where original jurisdiction lies in both probate and juvenile courts."

Responding to anticipated opposition, he said the measure would not stop, slow down or limit adoptions.

"This piece of legislation would set up a process that would allow for probate courts to exercise jurisdiction over these abuse, neglect, or dependency cases provided that they have received written consent from the juvenile court judge who was presiding over that case," he said.

"If the juvenile judge deems that the jurisdiction is better suited in probate court, they can provide written consent to allow for that to occur. If not, the case will be heard in the court that the original motion was filed until a ruling has been made."

**HB 296**      **DRUG OFFENSES (Gavarone, T.)** To enhance penalties for certain drug offenses committed in the vicinity of a community addiction services provider. (CONTINUED; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**Rep. Theresa Gavarone** (R-Bowling Green) said the bill would increase the penalty for certain drug offenses within 1,000 feet of a community addiction services provider from a fourth-degree felony to a third-degree felony.

The measure, she said, is based on current law that applies penalty enhancements for drug offenses that occur within the vicinity of schools.

Rep. Gavarone said the bill is part of a comprehensive fight against opiates because it would keep dealers away from areas where Ohio is sending addicts for treatment.

"For those people currently addicted to a substance, the decision to seek treatment is not only difficult, but it can be life-changing," the sponsor said. "However, the pull their addiction has on them is usually strong and the odds they face to complete treatment at a rehab facility, even under perfect circumstances, are long. And even if a person completes treatment, they are in an extremely vulnerable state of mind and it is probable they will relapse. They are perfect prey for dealers."

**HB 327** **IMPORTUNING (Schaffer, T., Smith, K.)** To amend the penalties for the offense of importuning. (CONTINUED; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**Rep. Tim Schaffer** (R-Lancaster) said the measure "will fix a loophole in Ohio law that is allowing dangerous sexual predators to get away with their crimes on children with a 'slap on the wrist' and no disincentive against committing these crimes."

A 2014 news report that found under current law, of the 93 offenders charged with importuning and sentenced since 2010, only 19 saw any prison time and another 70 received probation, he said.

"Law enforcement has testified that some offenders have admitted to committing the crime as many as 30 times before actually being caught. Unfortunately, it is not always an officer on the other side of a computer screen. Oftentimes it is a child," Rep. Schaffer said.

The bill maintains importuning a child under the age of thirteen as a third-degree felony on the first offense, but the judge shall impose a prison term of 9 to 36 months, he said.

Importuning a child over the age of 13 but under the age of 16 will remain a fifth-degree felony on the first offense.

If the offender is ten or more years older than the victim in the latter circumstance, then the judge shall impose a prison sentence of 6-12 months, he said. Repeat offenders in any case receive a mandatory one-year sentence.

**Rep. Kent Smith** (D-Euclid), who previously served on the Ohio Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, shared details of investigations that resulted in arrests.

He said he found 10 cases between 2012-14 in which those who plead guilty to importuning and were sentenced to probation instead of prison.

"All 10 could be online today or after school tomorrow anytime that Ohio children might be on the internet," Rep. Smith said. "HB327 would send these child predators to jail and help protect our kids."

**SB 4** **HUMAN TRAFFICKING (Kunze, S., Oelslager, S.)** To allow a person who is found not guilty of an offense or who is the defendant named in a dismissed criminal charge to apply for a court order to expunge the person's official records in the case if the charge or not guilty finding was the result of the applicant having been a human trafficking victim, to allow a person convicted of certain prostitution-related offenses to apply for the expungement of the conviction record of any offense, other than a specified disqualifying offense, the person's participation in which was a result of having been a human trafficking victim, and to allow intervention in lieu of conviction for persons charged with committing an offense while a victim of compelling prostitution. (CONTINUED; 2nd Hearing-Proponent)

State **Auditor Dave Yost** applauded the legislation, saying it will take efforts to fight against human trafficking one step farther by addressing the struggles victims face after being freed. "SB4 helps remove these obstacles to rebuilding their lives," he said. "The bill provides for the expungement of certain criminal offenses where it can be shown that the offender's participation in those offenses was the result of human trafficking. The bill strikes a balance between the need to prosecute and convict offenders on voluntary criminal acts and the competing aim to allow victims of this heinous practice, whose free-will was compromised, to get a second chance at life."

To appease opponents who've raised concerns that victims could raise duress defense in their cases, Mr. Yost, candidate for attorney general in 2018, said sponsors have created a narrower set of offenses that could be expunged.

The proposed changes, which Mr. Yost said he supports, include aggravated arson, criminal possession and use of certain types of weapons, terrorism and contaminating substances as offenses that would not be eligible for expungement.

Judge Paul Herbert, who founded Franklin County's CATCH court for human trafficking victims, provided insight into his court and the women who come before the court.

He told the panel he's strongly in favor of the expungement process for any crimes, noting judicial discretion will determine which are ultimately wiped away.

"I think it's a wonderful tool to allow someone to get their life back," he said, adding that human trafficking victims are targeted by this bill because they're often forced by their pimps to commit crimes on their behalf.

**Rep. Bill Seitz** (R-Cincinnati) asked how those seeking expungement would have to prove their crimes were tied to human trafficking and whether they'd have to give the name of their pimps.

Mr. Herbert said victims are not required to provide the names of their abusers at any time and it's up to the women to make their cases as best they can before judges.

Answering additional questions from the panel, the judge said individuals only get one shot at expunging their records, which is different than having them sealed.

Sasha Naiman, deputy director Ohio Justice & Policy Center, said in many cases it's obvious that human trafficking has occurred because the victims have sustained certain injuries or are branded by their pimps.

Vanessa Perkins, who was trafficked, said she escaped almost a decade ago when she was placed into CATCH Court and she still hasn't named her pimp because she fears the repercussions from him and his family members.

She said she has about 15 offenses on her record that she'd like to see expunged, and there are other women she knows who have more than 20 offenses related to trafficking.

The committee also heard from Gina Godwin-Burris, who escaped trafficking. She said she hopes to have her records expunged and become eligible to earn her social work license when she graduates from college in the spring.

Under the bill, expungement could only happen if at least one of the charges is for solicitation or prostitution.

Tabitha M. Woodruff, legislative advocacy co-chair for the Central Ohio Rescue and Restore Coalition, urged the panel to consider opening the expungement process to all those who could prove they've been trafficked regardless of their offenses.

"A number of women trapped managed to never actually be charged with prostitution or solicitation or something else," she said of women the coalition has worked with.

The committee also received written proponent testimony from Maureen Guirguis, with the Human Trafficking Law Clinic of Case Western Reserve University School of Law, and Nancy Neylon, executive director Ohio Domestic Violence Network.

#### **Economic Development, Commerce & Labor**

**HB 163** **PREVAILING WAGE (Roegner, K., Riedel, C.)** To allow political subdivisions, special districts, and state institutions of higher education to elect to apply the Prevailing Wage Law to public improvement projects. (CONTINUED (See separate story); 2nd Hearing-Proponent)

**HB 211** **HOME INSPECTORS (Hughes, J.)** To require the licensure of home inspectors and to create the Ohio Home Inspector Board to regulate the licensure and performance of home inspectors. (CONTINUED-SUBSTITUTE; 3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible substitute)

The committee adopted a substitute bill, although Chairman **Rep. Ron Young** (R-Leroy) said he does not anticipate it will be the final version of the bill. The sub bill (**Comp Doc**) in part:

--Increases the number of licensed home inspectors to be appointed by the governor to the Home Inspector Board to five.

--Adds new language requiring the board to adopt rules governing licensure including issuance, renewal, suspension and revocation - and to create standards of practice and canons of ethics for the industry.

--Expands the ability of the superintendent of real estate and professional licensing to refuse to issue or renew a license but removes from the superintendent's duty the performance of criminal records checks while still requiring those checks to be performed.

--Requires inspectors to disclose information to clients in writing before entering into a contract.

--Removes language requiring inspectors to maintain insurance coverage and retain records for a five year period.

--Creates the Home Inspection Recovery Fund, overseen by the superintendent, and outlines assessment fees to be paid into the fund.

During testimony, home inspectors were divided over the bill, with representatives from the Home Inspection Training Institute and the American Society of Home Inspectors Joint Chapter Legislative Committee voicing support.

Joseph Jefferys, president of the institute, said the bill's prior hearing featuring proponents seemed to be "an attack on our profession mostly from either real estate agents or brokers" and said there are likewise bad actors among real estate agents.

"The main problem in our profession is home inspectors taking an online course at one of the schools in the country which in general consist of a home inspection study book of material related to our profession or just flat out terminology study," he said. "It is simply impossible to learn our profession just from study material or books online."



Despite his support, he asked the committee to remove language limiting home inspectors to a 20-mile radius, saying it's unfair to those who have to travel to multiple counties. He also requested the bill be changed to require the board to adopt standards from the National Association of Certified Home Inspectors rather than just the American Society of Home Inspectors.

But Micah Derry, state director for Americans for Prosperity, said regulation would only increase the barriers for workers and mark the latest in a long list of "professions burdened by unnecessary licensing requirements."

"I would like to suggest alternatives which could protect consumers without raising prices or restricting opportunity," he said, urging registration over licensure. "Moreover, if the state is worried by fly by night home inspectors, the state could solve this problem by requiring simple registration with the state. Mandatory licensing is not only damaging, it is unnecessary."

Douglas Curfman of Sherlock Homes Independent Inspection Agency also voiced opposition, opining that the bill does not benefit the client and will only cost the state money.

**HB 230** **FLAG DISPLAY (Gonzales, A., Ginter, T.)** To prohibit manufactured home park operators, condominium associations, neighborhood associations, and landlords from restricting the display of the thin blue line flag. (**REPORTED (No testimony)**; 4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

**HB 236** **ELEVATOR LAW (Patton, T., Cupp, R.)** To enact the Model Elevator Law. (**CONTINUED**; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**Rep. Tom Patton** (R-Strongsville), speaking also for joint sponsor **Rep. Robert Cupp** (R-Lima), said the goal is to codify industry standards and licensure to ensure the safety of elevator riders and workers. He described the bill as a "work in progress" and foreshadowed the potential for amendments as talks with interested parties continue.

Among its changes, the bill would update the definition of an elevator to remove the requirement that moving walkways must be of the endless belt type and language stating that to be excluded from the law a hoist must be a material hoist.

The bill would also create the Elevator Safety Review Board, which would implement safety codes, investigate violations, and conduct written examinations of workers. It would also be charged with establishing fee schedules for licenses, permits and other requirements.

Other provisions include requiring:

- Elevator mechanics and contractors to submit to licensure.

- Contractors and inspectors not employed by the state to possess general liability coverage of at least \$1 million for injury or death and at least \$500,000 for property damage.

- Mechanics and contractors to comply with state fire and building codes. In doing so, the bill would increase the maximum fine from \$1,000 to \$1,500 and add imprisonment as a form of penalty.

"Our aim is to ensure the highest level of safety for the public and for the men and women who work and install these everyday necessities," Rep. Patton said.

**Rep. Alicia Reece** (D-Cincinnati) questioned whether the bill would make elevators more expensive at a time when communities are putting more emphasis on Americans with

Disabilities Act compliance. She also asked why the sponsors sought to open up imprisonment as an option when prisons are already overcrowded.

Responding, Sen. Patton said, "I'm getting really sick and tired of people saying the prisons are overcrowded so we should be more lenient on people who break the rules."

**HB 245** **CALL CENTERS (Bocchieri, J., Lepore-Hagan, M.)** To enact the Consumer Protection Call Center Act of 2017 to require the Department of Job and Family Services to compile a list of all employers that relocate a call center to a foreign country and to disqualify employers on that list from state grants, loans, and other benefits. (CONTINUED; 2nd Hearing-Proponent)

David Kowalski and Renee Rouser, both representing Communications Workers of America, predicted the bill would help "revitalize" the call center and customer service industry in the state.

"The bill would create a list of Ohio companies that offshore call center and customer service jobs to overseas locations and would deny these companies access to taxpayer dollars in any form," Mr. Kowalski said.

Ms. Rouser said the issue shouldn't be politicized. "These are good, valuable middle class jobs that should be staffed by qualified American workers and not sent overseas where workers earn poverty wages," she added.

Marvin Thompson, a call center worker representing CWA Local 4322, said offshoring hurts Ohio families.

"This bill encourages companies to do the right thing for working families and gives recognition to those companies that keep their commitment to the people," he said.

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#### **Federalism & Interstate Relations**

**HB 142** **CONCEALED WEAPONS (Wiggam, S.)** To eliminate the requirement that a concealed handgun licensee notify a law enforcement officer that the licensee is carrying a concealed handgun when stopped. (REPORTED (See separate story); 6th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

**HB 253** **CONCEALED WEAPONS (Householder, L., Lanese, L.)** To permit law enforcement officers to carry firearms off duty in places otherwise prohibited for concealed handgun licensees. (CONTINUED; 2nd Hearing-Proponent)

The legislation received the backing of the Fraternal Order of Police of Ohio.

Brian Steel, a legislative agent for the FOP, said the bill "allows off duty law enforcement officers to carry firearms in the same manner as on duty officers with some common sense restrictions."

"These off duty officers have successfully completed 60 hours of firearms training in the academy which included a minimum of 46 hours of live-fire training exercises on the range," he said. "The course required each officer to fire a minimum of 750 rounds of handgun ammunition, 75 rounds of pelleted shotgun ammunition and 20 rounds of shotgun slugs." He said the growing threat of violence against law enforcement officials and attacks on soft targets by mass shooters has made the legislation necessary.

"The number of ambushes on officers continues to rise nationwide, and anti-police groups are now actively searching out officers' homes and laying siege to them," he said.

"Nationwide, off duty officers have ended mass shootings in shopping malls and intervened in scores of crimes in progress."

But **Rep. David Leland** (D-Columbus) said the presence of unknown law enforcement officers could create confusion in cases in which a facility has its own armed security. Mr. Steel said he is required to carry his badge when armed and would identify himself in such a situation.

**HR 193** **CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL** (**Antonio, N., Strahorn, F.**) A resolution urging Congress to award a Congressional Medal of Honor to the late Senator John Glenn and Mrs. Annie Glenn. (**CONTINUED**; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

The measure urges Congress to award John and Annie Glenn its highest civilian honor, the Congressional Gold Medal.

"The Glenn family's contributions to Ohio and the world deserve the utmost recognition from this legislature and the United States Congress," sponsoring **Rep. Nickie Antonio** (D-Lakewood) said after laying out many of Mr. and Ms. Glenn's achievements.

"John and Annie Glenn's story is one of mutual dedication to public service in order to better help and improve their community, their state, and their country. They have left a legacy that serves as an inspiration to all Ohioans, and we believe its due time that they receive this important recognition from Congress," she said.

**Rep. Wes Retherford** (R-Hamilton) noted that Mr. Glenn has already been awarded the Congressional Gold Medal.

Rep. Antonio said the resolution is seeking congressional recognition for the Glenns as a couple.

Rep. Retherford also noted that the resolution refers to the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Rep. Antonio said the mistake was caught just before the meeting and a corrective amendment will be drafted.

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## Daily Activity Planner for Wednesday, September 20

### Legislative Committees

House Transportation & Public Safety (Committee Record) (Chr. Green, D., 644-6034),  
Rm. 017, 9 a.m.

- HB 264** **LICENSE PLATE (Roegner, K.)** To create the "Hudson City Schools" license plate. (1st Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)
- HB 265** **LICENSE PLATE (Roegner, K.)** To create the "Stow-Munroe Falls City Schools" license plate. (1st Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)
- HB 308** **ROAD NAMING (Cera, J.)** To designate a portion of State Route 7 in Belmont County as the "Ohio Valley Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway." (1st Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)
- HB 311** **ROAD NAMING (Johnson, T.)** To designate a portion of State Route 348 in Scioto County as the "Roy Rogers Happy Trails Highway." (1st Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)
- HB 321** **LICENSE PLATE (Koehler, K., Green, D.)** To create the "Lions Club" license plate. (1st Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)
- HB 324** **ROAD NAMING (Ashford, M., Sheehy, M.)** To designate a portion of Interstate Route 75 in Lucas County as the "Toledo Firefighters J. Dickman and S. Machcinski Memorial Highway." (1st Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)
- HR 236** **HYPERLOOP (Hughes, J.)** To express support for the Hyperloop Transportation Initiative. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 330** **ROAD NAMING (Rogers, J.)** To designate a portion of State Route 91 in Willoughby as the "Patrolman Jason Gresko Memorial Highway." (1st Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)
- HB 219** **SPEED LIMITS (Boccieri, J.)** To specify that a speed limit becomes effective at a reasonable distance from the appropriate sign giving notice of the speed limit. (2nd Hearing-Proponent-Possible substitute)
- HB 256** **REGIONAL AIRPORTS (Butler, J., Zeltwanger, P.)** To create the Major Air Hub Council, to require the Council to construct two commercial service airports, one in Fayette County and one in Portage County, and to create the Southern Ohio Airport Authority and the Northern Ohio Airport Authority to operate the airports. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 280** **MOTORCYCLE PROTECTION (Goodman, W.)** To permit a person to wear earplugs for hearing protection while operating a motorcycle. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 297** **VEHICLE TITLES (Hagan, C.)** To allow owners of a motor vehicle, watercraft, or outboard motor who have joint ownership with right of

survivorship to transfer title through a transfer-on-death designation. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**House Health (Committee Record) (Chr. Huffman, S., 466-8114), Rm. 121, 9 a.m.**

**HB 172** **MEDICAL RECORDS (Schuring, K.)** To modify the laws governing access to a patient's medical records. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**HB 184** **DENTISTRY (Gavarone, T., DeVitis, T.)** To authorize the provision of dental services through teledentistry, to require a proposal for creation of a primary care dental student component of the Choose Ohio First Scholarship Program, and to make other changes to the laws governing the practices of dentistry and dental hygiene. (5th Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

**HB 214** **ABORTION (LaTourette, S., Merrin, D.)** To prohibit a person from performing, inducing, or attempting to perform or induce an abortion on a pregnant woman who is seeking the abortion because an unborn child has or may have Down Syndrome. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

**HB 273** **ADMITTING PRIVILEGES (Gavarone, T.)** To prohibit a physician from being required to secure a maintenance of certification as a condition of obtaining licensure, reimbursement, or employment or obtaining admitting privileges or surgical privileges at a hospital or health care facility. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**HB 241** **DIABETES REGISTRY (Barnes, J.)** To establish the Ohio Diabetes Registry. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**Senate Ways & Means (Committee Record) (Chr. Eklund, J., 644-7718), South Hearing Rm., 9 a.m.**

**SB 186** **BUSINESS INCOME (Peterson, B.)** To provide that wages and guaranteed payments paid by a professional employer organization to the owner of a pass-through entity that has contracted with the organization may be considered business income. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**SB 113** **FUEL TAX (Coley, B.)** To levy an additional registration tax on passenger cars, noncommercial motor vehicles, and commercial cars and trucks beginning on January 1, 2020; to authorize a per-gallon motor fuel retail price reduction for consumers that is equal to the state per-gallon motor fuel tax of \$.28; and to exempt each gallon of motor fuel that is sold at the reduced retail price from the state motor fuel tax. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

**HB 69** **TIF DISTRICTS (Cupp, R.)** To require reimbursement of certain township fire and emergency medical service levy revenue forgone because of the creation of a municipal tax increment financing district. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

**House Finance (Committee Record) (Chr. Smith, R., 466-1366), Rm. 313, 9:30 a.m.**

**HB 3** **DATAOHIO BOARD (Duffey, M., Hagan, C.)** To create the DataOhio Board, to specify requirements for posting public records online, to require the Auditor of State to adopt rules regarding a uniform accounting system for

public offices, to establish an online catalog of public data at data.Ohio.gov, to establish the Local Government Information Exchange Grant Program, and to make appropriations. (1st Hearing-All testimony)

**HB 168**

**CEMETERY REGISTRATION (Stein, D.)** To modify duties of the Division of Real Estate in the Department of Commerce regarding cemetery registration, to specify cemetery owners must reasonably maintain cemeteries, to establish the Cemetery Grant Program, and to make an appropriation. (2nd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

**HB 281**

**BROADBAND EXPANSION (Carfagna, R.)** To establish the residential broadband expansion program within the Development Services Agency to award matching grants for last mile broadband expansion in municipal corporations and townships and to make an appropriation. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**House State & Local Government (Committee Record) (Chr. Anielski, M., 644-6041), Rm. 122, 9:30 a.m.**

**SB 62**

**DAY DESIGNATION (Yuko, K.)** To designate July 8 as "Harrison Dillard Day." (5th Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

**HB 279**

**JOHN GLENN HOME (Hill, B., Rosenberger, C.)** To require the Ohio History Connection to designate John Glenn's childhood home as a state historic site. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**HB 291**

**GOVERNMENT INSURANCE (Wiggam, S.)** To authorize counties, townships, and municipal corporations to purchase an employee dishonesty and faithful performance of duty insurance policy, instead of a bond, for protection from loss due to the fraudulent or dishonest actions of, and the failure to perform a duty prescribed by law by, an officer, official, employee, or appointee for which a bond is required by law. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**HB 300**

**IDENTIFICATION CARDS (Barnes, J.)** To provide that any nondriver identification card that is issued to a resident of Ohio who is permanently disabled must be issued without an expiration date. (1st Hearing-Sponsor-Possible substitute)

**HB 307**

**MONTH DESIGNATION (Gonzales, A.)** To designate September as "We Card Month." (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**HB 315**

**DAY DESIGNATION (Arndt, S.)** To designate October 6 as "S.M.A.R.T. Parent Day." (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**HB 319**

**STATE PET (Lanese, L.)** To designate a shelter pet as Ohio's official pet. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**HB 323**

**GARBAGE FEES (Patterson, J.)** To authorize all municipal corporations that charge a garbage collection fee to certify unpaid amounts to the county auditor, who must enter the fees on the property tax list to be collected in the same manner as real property taxes. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**SB 86**

**DAY DESIGNATION (Hackett, B.)** To designate the twenty-fifth day of May as "Ohio National Missing Children's Day." (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**Senate Government Oversight & Reform (Committee Record) (Chr. Coley, B., 466-8072), Finance Hearing Rm., 9:45 a.m.**

- **Confirmation hearing on the governor's appointments of Edward Nurre to the Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors, Scott Crislip to the Ski Tramway Board, and Abass Bangura, Comfort Cole-Keneh, Rosarie Ifedi, Ed.D, Eugenie Kirenga, Tariq Mohamed and Ibrahim Sow to the New African Immigrants Commission.**

**SB 179 LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES (LaRose, F.)** To automatically dissolve a limited liability company under certain circumstances and to authorize the Secretary of State to implement an electronic notification system to alert a person if a business name containing a specific word has been registered. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**HB 213 REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS (Dever, J.)** To change the definition of "appraisal" for purposes of the Real Estate Appraiser Licensing Law, to make changes to certain procedures and the exceptions to licensure under that law, to regulate appraisal management companies, and to declare an emergency. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

**SB 163 COUNTY INVESTMENTS (Wilson, S.)** To modify the qualifications regarding notes eligible for investment of county inactive moneys. (4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

**SB 139 LEGAL MATERIALS (Skindell, M., Eklund, J.)** To adopt the Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act. (4th Hearing-All testimony)

**SB 144 DISABILITIES COUNCIL (Burke, D.)** To abolish the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Commission, Consumer Advisory Committee, and Governor's Council on People with Disabilities and to establish a state rehabilitation services council known as the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Council. (3rd Hearing-All testimony)

**House Insurance (Committee Record) (Chr. Brinkman, T., 644-6886), Rm. 116, 10 a.m.**

**HB 284 AUTO INSURANCE (Antani, N.)** To create a study committee to author a report making recommendations about ways to reduce the cost of insurance premiums among commercial drivers ages eighteen to twenty-five. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**HB 336 LICENSE FEES (Barnes, J., Greenspan, D.)** To prohibit the imposition of driver's license and temporary instruction permit reinstatement fees in specified circumstances and to name this act the Reinstatement Fee Amnesty Initiative. (1st Hearing-Sponsor-Possible substitute)

**House Government Accountability & Oversight (Committee Record) (Chr. Blessing, L., 466-9091), Rm. 114, 10:30 a.m.**

**HB 312 POLITICAL SUBDIVISION SPENDING (Schuring, K., Greenspan, D.)** Regarding use of credit cards and debit cards by political subdivisions. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**HCR 10** **ANTI-SEMITISM (Thompson, A., Greenspan, D.)** To condemn the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions movement and increasing incidents of anti-Semitism. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**HB 222** **VOTER ID (Greenspan, D.)** To specify that a concealed handgun license qualifies as photo identification for voting purposes. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)  
**House Higher Education & Workforce Development (Committee Record) (Chr. Duffey, M., 644-6030), Rm. 115, 11 a.m.**

**HB 66** **TENURED FACULTY (Young, R.)** To require permanently tenured state university or college faculty members to teach at least three credit hours of undergraduate courses per semester. (2nd Hearing-Proponent-Possible substitute)

**HB 217** **COLLEGE ADMISSIONS (Brenner, A.)** To prohibit institutions of higher education from requiring students to disclose disciplinary actions on their applications for admission. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

**HB 203** **SUMMER JOBS (Barnes, J.)** To require the Director of Development Services to establish a youth summer jobs pledging initiative to increase access to summer employment opportunities for high school and college youth. (2nd Hearing-Proponent-Possible amendments)

**HB 166** **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (Reineke, B., Cupp, R.)** To revise the laws governing the state's workforce development system, programs that may be offered by primary and secondary schools, certificates of qualification for employment, and the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency, and to designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week. (5th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

**Senate Rules & Reference (Committee Record) (Chr. Obhof, L., 466-7505), Majority Conf. Rm., 11 a.m.**

**House Session (Committee Record) (Chr. Rosenberger, C., 466-3357), House Chamber, 1:30 p.m.**

**Senate Session (Committee Record) (Chr. Obhof, L., 466-4900), Senate Chamber, 1:30 p.m.**

**House Civil Justice (Committee Record) (Chr. Butler, J., 644-6008), Rm. 121, 2:30 p.m. or after session**

**HB 267** **POLITICAL SUBDIVISION LIABILITY (Ingram, C.)** To eliminate certain defenses to political subdivision liability for an employee's negligent operation of a motor vehicle and to reduce damages recoverable against a political subdivision in such actions by the contributory fault of the plaintiff or other parties. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

**HB 271** **ACCESSIBILITY LAWS (McColley, R., Rezabek, J.)** To authorize an alleged aggrieved party to provide a notice of an alleged accessibility law violation in advance of filing a civil action and to establish the circumstances under which an alleged aggrieved party is entitled to attorney's fees in a civil action based on the violation. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)



**House Aging & Long Term Care (Committee Record) (Chr. Arndt, S., 644-6011), Rm. 122, 2:30 p.m. or after session**

**HB 286** **PALLIATIVE CARE (LaTourette, S.)** To create the Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Council, to establish the Palliative Care Consumer and Professional Information and Education Program, and to require health care facilities to identify patients and residents who could benefit from palliative care. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**Senate Energy & Natural Resources (Committee Record) (Chr. Balderson, T., 466-8076), Finance Hearing Rm., 2:30 p.m. or after session**

**SR 59** **SOO LOCKS (Dolan, M., LaRose, F.)** To encourage the President and the Congress of the United States and the United States Office of Management and Budget to support plans to upgrade the Soo Locks at Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, and encourage the United States Army Corps of Engineers to take expeditious action in preparing an Economic Reevaluation Report. (2nd Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

**SB 51** **LAKE ERIE (Skindell, M., Eklund, J.)** To authorize the creation of a special improvement district to facilitate Lake Erie shoreline improvement. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

**SB 165** **BRINE SALES (Dolan, M., Skindell, M.)** To establish conditions and requirements for the sale of brine from certain oil or gas operations as a commodity and to exempt such a commodity from requirements otherwise applicable to brine. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**House Community & Family Advancement (Committee Record) (Chr. Ginter, T., 466-8022), Rm. 114, 3 p.m.**

**HB 119** **SNAP (Henne, M., McColley, R.)** Regarding eligibility and benefits under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance program and the Medicaid program. (4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible substitute)

**HB 187** **APPLICANT INFORMATION (Dever, J.)** To regulate the collection, use, and retention of certain information obtained from an applicant during the employee selection process. (3rd Hearing-Opponent)

**HB 204** **GRANTS DEPARTMENT (Barnes, J.)** To create the Department of Grants and Philanthropic Gestures. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**HB 309** **PARENTAL RIGHTS (Gonzales, A., Rezabek, J.)** To generally prohibit a person's blindness from being used to deny or limit custody, parenting time, visitation, adoption, or service as a guardian or foster caregiver, regarding a minor. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**Senate Education (Committee Record) (Chr. Lehner, P., 466-4538), South Hearing Rm., 3 p.m. or after session**

**SB 172** **REDUCED PRICE MEALS (Yuko, K.)** To establish the Hunger-Free Students' Bill of Rights Act to require schools to provide certain services to

students who are eligible for free or reduced price meals. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**HB 170** **COMPUTER SCIENCE** (Carfagna, R., Duffey, M.) With regard to academic content standards and curriculum requirements for computer science; to revise educator qualifications regarding computer science; and to authorize public schools to establish computer science and technology funds. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**SB 104** **SCHOOL SECLUSION** (Tavares, C.) To prohibit the use of seclusion on students in public schools. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**SB 105** **MONTH DESIGNATION** (Tavares, C.) To designate the month of October as "Ohio Principals Month." (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**House Armed Services, Veterans Affairs & Homeland Security** (Committee Record) (Chr. Johnson, T., 466-2124), Rm. 116, 4 p.m. or after session

**SCR 8** **MISSILE DEFENSE** (O'Brien, S., Eklund, J.) A resolution to urge the United States Missile Defense Agency to select Camp Ravenna Joint Military Training Center in Ravenna, Ohio, as the preferred site for a future east coast Missile Defense system. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**HB 295** **DOG REGISTRATIONS** (Goodman, W.) To exempt certain disabled veterans from paying a dog registration fee when application is made to the county auditor that includes proof that the dog is an assistance dog. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**HB 238** **VETERANS WAIVER** (Retherford, W., Brenner, A.) To establish the Veterans Fee Waiver Program. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

### **Agency Calendar**

**Law Enforcement Gateway Advisory Group**, BCI, 1560 State Route 56 SW, London, 10 a.m. (The Steering Committee meets afterward at about 11 a.m.)

**State Personnel Board of Review**, 65 E. State St., 12th Fl., Columbus, 10 a.m.

**Waterways Safety Council**, 3rd Fl., Building C, 2045 Morse Rd., Columbus, 10 a.m.

**Arts Council**, 33rd Fl., 30 E. Broad St., Columbus, 12:30 p.m. (Poet Laureate Committee)

### **Event Planner**

**Rep. Brian Hill (R-Zanesville) and Rep. Al Landis (R-Dover) fundraiser**, OHROC, 21 W. Broad Street, Floor 7, Columbus, 11:30 a.m., (Chair: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Sponsor: \$350 to Brian D. Hill for State Representative and/or Friends for Allen Landis)

**Sen. Cliff Hite (R-Findlay), medical professionals news conference on clean energy**, Ladies Gallery, Statehouse, Columbus, 1 p.m.

**Rep. Andy Thompson (R-Marietta) and Rep. Wes Goodman (R-Cardington) fundraiser**, The Keep, 50 W. Broad Street, Columbus, 5 p.m., (Chair: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Sponsor: \$350 to Andy Thompson for State Representative and/or Friends of Wes Goodman)

**Rep. Nickie Antonio (D-Lakewood) fundraiser, Club 185, 185 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus, 5:30 p.m., (Sponsor levels: Sponsor \$1000, Host \$500, Friend \$350 to Friends of Nickie J. Antonio)**

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## Senate Activity for Tuesday, September 19, 2017

### INTRODUCED

- SB 192** ■ **AWARENESS WEEK (Tavares, C.)** To designate the last week of September as "Diaper Need Awareness Week." En. 5.50
- SB 193** ■ **LONG-TERM CARE (Tavares, C.)** To create a long-term care inspection committee. En. 103.85, 103.86, 103.87, and 103.88
- SB 194** ■ **VEHICLE TOWING (Terhar, L.)** To require only one notice to be sent to a vehicle owner and any known lienholder after a vehicle is towed from a private tow-away zone. Am. 4505.101, 4513.601, and 4513.611
- SB 195** ■ **DOGS LAW (Beagle, B.)** To revise provisions of the Dogs Law governing nuisance, dangerous, and vicious dogs, to revise enforcement of that Law, and to establish a notification process regarding complaints of certain violations of that Law. Am. 109.73, 955.11, 955.12, 955.22, 955.222, 955.44, 955.54, and 955.99 and to enact sections 955.13, 955.223, 955.224, 955.225, and 955.60
- SB 196** ■ **BULLYING (Williams, S.)** To create the offense of aggravated bullying, a third-degree misdemeanor. Am. 2903.23
- SB 197** ■ **BULLYING (Williams, S.)** To require a tiered disciplinary procedure for harassment, intimidation, or bullying in school; to require annual student instruction about preventing such acts; and to create the offense of aggravated bullying as a third-degree misdemeanor. Am. 3313.666 and to enact section 2903.23

### COMMITTEE HEARINGS

#### Insurance & Financial Institutions

- HB 199** ■ **MORTGAGE LENDING (Blessing, L.)** To create the Ohio Residential Mortgage Lending Act for the purpose of regulating all non-depository lending secured by residential real estate and to limit the application of the current

Mortgage Loan Law to unsecured loans and loans secured by other than residential real estate. (CONTINUED; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**Rep. Louis Blessing** (R-Cincinnati) described his bill as an effort to streamline and clarify mortgage regulations to achieve "greater conformity with federal guidelines and eliminating confusion."

"Both mortgage bankers and mortgage brokers would license..., eliminating the mortgage banker exemption and giving examination and enforcement authority to the Department of Financial Institutions over all mortgage bankers and mortgage brokers," he said.

"This legislation will be good for the state of Ohio, the mortgage lending industry, and the consumers they serve because it brings clarity to the statute and applies the same standards to all non-depository lenders when financing a consumer's most precious asset: their home," he said.

**HB 52** **DEED SOLICITATION (Rezabek, J.)** To regulate the solicitation of certain deeds. (CONTINUED; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

Rep. Jeff Rezabek (R-Clayton) said many Ohio homeowners are receiving mailed notices from out of state companies stating they are required to have a copy of their deed and offering to provide one for an \$80-\$90 fee.

These companies, he said, seek to profit off property owners who are unaware that they can obtain a copy of the deed from their county recorder for typically less than a dollar. Under the bill, which he noted passed the House with no opposition, those companies would face a fine that would increase with each violation.

"This bill boils down to an additional consumer protection and is an attempt at eliminating the bad actors who are preying on unsuspecting and unaware individuals," Rep. Rezabek said.

**SB 120** **DEBT ADJUSTING (Eklund, J.)** Regarding debt adjusting (CONTINUED; 2nd Hearing-Proponent)

David Leuthold, speaking for the American Fair Credit Council, described his own experience being buried in debt and outlined the role debt settlement companies play in that area.

"There is a feeling of helplessness and desperation when you are in a position where you can no longer repay the debts you owe," he said.

He said debt settlement can be a helpful route for debtors, especially since credit counseling can be reserved only for those who have the means to repay the entire debt with interest and bankruptcy is often avoided due to its stigma and the mark it leaves on one's credit.

"SB120 ensures that Ohio residents can utilize debt settlement services upon the effective date of the legislation," Mr. Leuthold said. "Rather than look to create a complex regulatory scheme...we are simply amending current law to allow for debt settlement in a similar manner as credit counseling."

**SB 121** **MAMMOGRAM COVERAGE (Eklund, J.)** To include tomosynthesis as part of required screening mammography benefits under health insurance policies. (CONTINUED; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**Sen. John Eklund** (R-Chardon) stressed that early detection for breast cancer is key. To that end, his bill would include tomosynthesis - in which multiple low-dose images of the

breast are taken and combined into a 3D data set - as part of the screening mammography benefits required of health insurance policies.

"Some insurance providers are currently covering tomosynthesis in Ohio but there are still those denying the coverage stating that the reason is because this technology is

"investigational," Sen. Eklund said.

He said current guidelines from the National Comprehensive Cancer Network and the American College of Radiology have determined the process, used in conjunction with mammography, is no longer investigational in nature.

"Clinical use of tomosynthesis in women undergoing screening mammography has led to increased cancer detection rate while simultaneously decreasing recall rates," Sen. Eklund said.

**Sen. Bob Hackett** (R-London) inquired about the level of flexibility providers would have under the bill's provisions. Would the legislation, he asked, permit providers to require preauthorization for 3D screenings.

"I'm not aware of any situation to require a preauthorization for breast cancer screening mechanism," Sen. Eklund replied.

"So do you think 2D mammograms will become obsolete and everyone will be using 3D, which are more expensive?" Sen. Hackett asked. He further questioned: Why not reserve the more expensive screening for patients in which a 2D mammogram found something that warrants further analysis or there are contributing factors like family history?

"Creating two steps when one is sufficient is a cost increasing and in my view ill-advised in most circumstances," Sen. Eklund responded. "One of the points for tomosynthesis is to

avoid the issue of call-backs. The point is to prevent that sort of double testing."

As far as 3D mammograms replacing its 2D counterpart someday, Sen. Eklund said, "My transistor radio doesn't work so well anymore either. So if they went away that's kind of how things go."

Responding to **Sen. Sandra Williams** (D-Cleveland), Sen. Eklund said that at a future date he will provide the committee with information on the differential between providers' added up front cost in covering the procedures versus their projected savings due to catching the cancer earlier.

**SB 169**      **TRAVEL INSURANCE (Wilson, S.)** To oversee the sale of travel insurance.  
(CONTINUED; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**Sen. Steve Wilson** (R-Maineville) said his bill mirrors a model act from the National Conference of Insurance Legislators and licensing standards adopted by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

"Specifically, Senate Bill 169 will resolve problems of regulatory inconsistencies that face the travel insurance providers and travel agents by updating the licensing process to reflect today's current marketplace operations," he said. "Additionally, the bill will provide consumer protections by requiring new, clearer accountability and notice provisions with respect to who is responsible for the sale of travel insurance."

Forty-seven other states have adopted such laws, according to the sponsor.

Among the bill's components is language:

- Defining the difference between travel insurance and longer-term medical insurance coverage for those spending six months or more overseas.
- Permitting the superintendent of insurance to issue limited lines travel insurance licenses to qualified individuals and business entities and enabling the superintendent to take action to address violations.
- Restricting the issuance of travel insurance under those licenses to certain conditions.
- Elaborating on permissible and impermissible activities for travel retailers offering such insurance.

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## **Judiciary**

### **HB 223 STRUCTURED SETTLEMENTS (Dever, J.)** Relative to transfers of structured settlement payment rights. (**CONTINUED**; 2nd Hearing-Proponent)

The legislation has the support of both the Ohio Association for Justice and the Ohio Judicial Conference, the groups said in testimony.

In written testimony on behalf of the OJC, Shawn Welch said the measure will address the concerns of some of the state's probate judges.

"The changes proposed to structured settlement law are not drastic, but they do address some of the concerns Ohio's probate judges have expressed over difficulty in determining what is in the best interests of the transferor," he said.

John Van Doorn, director of government affairs at the OAJ, said in written testimony the legislation "strikes the right balance between preserving our client's assets while providing out client with a reasonable amount of flexibility to alter their settlement."

Earl Nesbitt, executive director of the National Association of Settlement Purchasers, said the measure is the result of collaboration between several groups.

"While the revisions appear extensive, it is our belief that Ohio judges and practitioners will find that the proposed legislation is not drastically different from current procedures," he said.

Eric Vaughn, executive director of the National Structured Settlements Trade Association, also provided written testimony in support of the bill.

### **HB 68 VOYEURISM (Anielski, M.)** To include an impaired person as a potential victim of voyeurism, to include conduct involving an impaired person within the offenses of pandering obscenity involving a minor, pandering sexually oriented matter involving a minor, and illegal use of a minor in a nudity-oriented material or performance, and to prohibit an owner, operator, administrator, or employee of a care facility from creating, sharing, reproducing, or publishing any image of a care facility resident without a proper purpose and without prior written consent from the resident. (**CONTINUED**; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

The legislation is designed to protect elderly and disabled Ohioans, sponsoring **Rep. Marlene Anielski** (R-Walton Hills) said.

"It alters the revised code to include any conduct involving an impaired person equally with the following offenses: pandering obscenity involving a minor, pandering sexually oriented

matter involving a minor and illegal use of a minor in a nudity-oriented material or performance. Impaired person means a person whose ability to resist or consent is substantially impaired because of a mental or physical condition or because of advanced age," she said.

"The offender must know or have reasonable cause to believe that the other person's ability to resist or consent is substantially impaired because of a mental or physical condition, such as dementia or Alzheimer's, or because of advanced age."

Under the bill, violation of the law would be a fourth-degree felony. Rep. Anielski said the measure is needed because of a case in Cuyahoga County in which elderly individuals were victims of voyeurism and the offender could only be prosecuted for misdemeanors.

**HB 94**      **MONTH DESIGNATION (Sykes, E., Perales, R.)** To designate February as "Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month." (CONTINUED; 2nd Hearing-Proponent)

The legislation received the support of Barry Sheets, legislative liaison of the Ohio Adolescent Health Association.

"Our children need a consistent message of risk avoidance and character education as they navigate through all of the pressures youth face today," he said.

Lisa Carroll of Love Without Hurt said the legislation can help to highlight the issue of teen dating violence.

"Your endorsement of this legislation is also honoring and recognizing those teens that have touched my life by sharing their personal stories, validating the importance of this education, not only for themselves, but their moms as well," she said.

**SB 125**      **CHILD SUPPORT (Beagle, B.)** To make changes to the laws governing child support. (CONTINUED; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

Sponsoring **Sen. Bill Beagle** (R-Tipp City) said the work on the bill began with former Sen. Shannon Jones in the last General Assembly.

He told the committee that he believes "it is vital to our great state to continue to pursue this legislation."

"Senate Bill 125 will offer much needed revisions to Ohio's child support guidelines. These new guidelines will modify child support obligations for families throughout Ohio, affecting more than one million children," he said. "The proposed child support guidelines will include multiple statutes and will incorporate various materials to calculate the proposed obligations. The suggested revisions in this legislation are sensible, comprehensive, up-to-date, and efficient."

Among the changes, the bill would update the economic tables, make adjustments for parenting time, modernize health insurance and cash medical provisions, and make changes to the child care credit.

**SB 158**      **ELDER FRAUD (Wilson, S.)** To develop best practices and educational opportunities to combat elder fraud and exploitation and to fine and require full restitution from offenders who are found guilty of certain fraud-related



crimes against the elderly. (**CONTINUED (See separate story)**; 3rd Hearing-All testimony)

**SB 180** **FIREARM LAWS** (Uecker, J., Hottinger, J.) To assign to the prosecution the burden of disproving a self-defense or related claim, to expand the locations at which a person has no duty to retreat before using force under both civil and criminal law, and to modify the Concealed Handgun Licensing Law regarding a licensee's duty to keep the licensee's hands in plain sight, the penalties for illegally carrying a concealed firearm or improperly handling firearms in a motor vehicle, and the posting of warning signs regarding the possession of weapons on specified premises. (**CONTINUED (See separate story)**; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**SB 64** **JUVENILE BINDOVERS** (Thomas, C.) To eliminate mandatory bindovers and reverse bindovers, and modify the rules and procedures regarding a discretionary bindover, of an alleged juvenile offender from a juvenile court to a criminal court. (**CONTINUED-AMENDED (See separate story)**; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**Governor's Appointments:** The committee voted unanimously to recommend full Senate approval of William Patmon, III to the Civil Rights Commission.

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#### **Local Government, Public Safety & Veterans Affairs**

**HB 125** **COURT JURISDICTIONS** (Craig, H., Seitz, B.) To specify the jurisdiction of municipal and county courts over municipal traffic ordinances and to establish requirements governing fines, fees, or other charges for traffic violations and infractions imposed by a municipal corporation that does not have the authority to establish a mayor's court. (**CONTINUED**; 2nd Hearing-Proponent-Possible amendments)

Lori M. Tyack, clerk of the Franklin County Municipal Court, described the issues her court has faced since 2013 when the legislature passed a bill that eliminated mayor's courts with villages with populations of less than 200.

There is inconsistency in record keeping, processes and fines associated with traffic violations, she said.

"This legislation is smart and timely as it limits the maximum fines and costs that can be assessed using the schedule of fines and costs established by local municipal and county courts in Ohio," she said. "It also preserves the defendant's right to an appeal."

**HB 60** **DRIVER'S LICENSES** (Hambley, S., Rogers, J.) To authorize the issuance of an enhanced driver's license, enhanced commercial driver's license, and enhanced identification card to facilitate land and sea border crossings between the United States and Canada and Mexico, pursuant to an agreement with the United States Department of Homeland Security. (**CONTINUED**; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

An enhanced driver's license that is validated by an RFID chip reader would "not only would it make travel into Canada and Mexico for Ohioans quicker, but it would do so in a secure manner," **Rep. Steve Hambley** (R-Brunswick) said in sponsor testimony.

The special license, which would allow Ohioans to cross road borders between the U.S. and Canada or Mexico, would cost \$25 more than a regular license, he said. That's still cheaper than a passport or passport card.

Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Vermont and Washington have all passed similar legislation to issues enhanced driver's licenses, Rep. Hambley added.

He said the bill also impacts commercial truck drivers who are only permitted to drive for a certain number of hours each day and would be benefitted by quicker identification at borders.

"In addition to the time constraints that a commercial driver is bound to, an EDL reduces the number of identification documents that Ohio truck drivers must carry with them during their daily travels," he said. "Everyday Ohio motorists who frequent to Canada for business or recreation would also benefit from this convenience of not having to carry a passport."

Joint sponsor **Rep. John Rogers** (D-Mentor-on-the-Lake) estimated that about 640,000 Ohio drivers would register for an EDL based on the uptake in other states that have passed such laws.

**HB 8**

**RECORDS EXEMPTION (Hambley, S., Rezabek, J.)** To exempt from the Public Records Law certain information concerning a minor that is included in a record related to a traffic accident involving a school vehicle in which the minor was an occupant at the time of the accident. (CONTINUED; 3rd Hearing-All testimony)

Dennis Hetzel, executive director of the Ohio News Media Association, opposed the measure, saying closing off school bus accident records would set a bad precedent for open records laws.

"I hope we all agree that in our open records laws, exemptions should be rare and, when they are needed, written as narrowly as possible," he said. "There should be documentation or actual evidence of a problem, as well as an exploration of other alternatives, before we create new exemptions. If all that is required is a preference that certain information not be released, we are in trouble."

Having access to the names of students on buses allows reporters to dig deeper into what caused the accident, learn more about busing procedures and reach out to parents for interviews, Mr. Hetzel said.

"(Sponsor) testimony stated that there were more than 1,500 school bus accidents in Ohio during 2014 and 2015 suggested to me as a former editor that there should be more reporting, not less, about school-bus accidents," he said. "Again, good journalism requires access to information. Journalists also know that it's not enough to cite government statistics. Meaningful stories must be about real people to help citizens understand what's at stake."

He also countered previous proponent testimony that suggested student names should be kept secret because child predators could use the information to stalk their potential victims.

"Given multiple other sources of such information, a police accident report is one of the last and riskiest places a predator is likely to go," Mr. Hetzel said. "It is particularly unlikely that a

child predator would stroll into a police station and seek a record under the scrutiny of police and cameras. Nor would a predator send a traceable email asking for a report. We are aware of no documented cases in which a predator accessed accident reports available on the internet for such purposes either."

**HB 95**

**DISTRACTED DRIVING (Hughes, J., Seitz, B.)** To establish an enhanced penalty for committing a moving violation while distracted if the distraction is the apparent cause of the violation and to reenact provisions of law that specified that certain electronic wireless communications device violations were allied offenses of similar import. (CONTINUED (See separate story); 2nd Hearing-Proponent)

**SB 127**

**WASTE COLLECTION VEHICLES (LaRose, F.)** To require motor vehicle operators to take certain actions upon approaching a stationary waste collection vehicle collecting refuse on a roadside. (CONTINUED (See separate story); 2nd Hearing-Proponent)

**SB 148**

**ACCIDENT REPORTS (Kunze, S., Huffman, M.)** To require an accident report to indicate whether any person involved in the accident wishes to be contacted for commercial solicitation purposes, to prohibit any person from using the information contained in an accident report for those purposes with regard to a person who did not agree to be contacted, and to allow a person to submit emergency contact information upon vehicle registration for inclusion in the next of kin database. (CONTINUED; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

The legislation was inspired by Ohioans who were barraged with calls to their cellphones and mail after having been in car accidents, **Sen. Stephanie Kunze** (R-Hilliard) said.

When police fill out reports, the bill requires them to ask individuals to consent or decline to be contacted by solicitors who will be able to find their personal information through government offices or websites as a result of the car accidents.

Another portion of the measure, which was also constituent driven, would allow drivers to submit vehicle identification numbers to the next of kin database to better assist law enforcement in notifying family of a vehicle accident, **Sen. Matt Huffman** (R-Lima) said.

Sen. Kunze told Sen. Vernon Sykes (D-Akron) that she and Sen. Huffman haven't yet inserted into the bill a penalty for businesses that solicit individuals even when the do-not-solicit box is checked on their traffic reports.

Chairman **Sen. Joe Uecker** (R-Loveland) questioned whether solicitations for lawyers, vehicle repair and medical services are burdens on society or simply annoying.

In the case of one of her constituents who was badly injured in a car accident, Sen. Kunze said her phone received dozens of phone calls from solicitors while she was still in the hospital, making it difficult for her husband to keep up with calls that were made to family and friends about her condition.

"I would say somebody who was just in an automobile accident doesn't need to have 15 or 20 phone calls the next morning from (solicitors)," Sen. Huffman added.

**Governor's Appointments:** Members recommended full Senate approval of the governor's appointments of Herbert Andre de la Porte and Philip Koster to the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services; Phil Stammitti to the County Sheriffs'

Standard Car-Marking and Uniform Commission; and Jack Lee-Harris, C. Thomas Pfeifer and Thomas Thompson to the Ohio Cemetery Dispute Resolution Commission.

## **Finance**

**HB 132** **FANTASY CONTESTS (Dever, J., McColley, R.)** To grant the Ohio Casino Control Commission the authority to regulate fantasy contests and to exempt fantasy contests from the gambling laws. (CONTINUED (See separate story); 2nd Hearing-Proponent)

**HB 54** **REVENUE OBLIGATIONS (Blessing, L., Gavarone, T.)** To authorize the Treasurer of State to issue revenue obligations of the state for the purpose of making loans to qualifying public entities for their acquisition of permanent improvements through the Treasurer of State's purchase of public obligations of those qualifying entities. (CONTINUED; 3rd Hearing-Opponent & interested party)

Stan Uchida, vice president and commercial lender at Park National Bank, said the bill would cut into banks' ability to finance public debt and local projects.

"We would be competing against the State Treasurer and state government," he said. "I would envision this would become what we have in competing with STAR Ohio and STAR Ohio Plus. The Treasurer's office has no profit motive, no regulations, and can borrow at a lower rate than we could. This would lead to the Treasurer's office offering lower rates than what we could. I believe this would be unfair competition - unfair government competition." He said STAR Ohio has become a main competitor for banks, and it forces them to cut their margins. Other state lending programs, such as the Ohio Water Development Authority and the State Infrastructure Bank, he said, are generally making loans for economic development, and typically include a grant component.

**Sen. John Eklund** (R-Chardon) asked if he was aware of any institutions that measure how much lending small banks do with government entities.

Mr. Uchida said he wasn't aware of aggregate data but that his bank has about \$15 million to \$20 million in loans to local governments, mostly for small projects such as for police cruisers and ambulances.

Responding to **Sen. Bill Coley** (R-Liberty Twp.), Mr. Uchida said local banks also try to invest money in their communities to comply with federal policy.

"It's what community banks want to do. We are for the community," Mr. Uchida said. "For community banks, even those \$100k backhoe loans or the loans for EMS are a way for us to show that we have invested in our community."

Kent Scarrett, executive director of the Ohio Municipal League, wrote in support of the bill, saying it would ease the financial barriers local governments face in funding capital projects. "One of the most prominent issues is that of providing the requisite matching funds when applying for grants for permanent improvement projects," he wrote. "HB54 offers a financing option that effectively removes that barrier, allowing our most financially-challenged municipalities the opportunity to make much-needed infrastructure improvements to their communities."

He said the reduction of the Local Government Fund has led to many capital projects being neglected because municipalities lack the funding to undertake them. The bill could open up another revenue stream, he said.

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**Bill Shifting Self-Defense Burden Promoted as Constituent-Driven, But Draws Skepticism**

The bill's chief sponsor on Tuesday called it a prudent update to state law that will strengthen 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment rights and "modernize Ohio's self-defense laws."

However, the bill (HB 228) shifting the burden in self-defense cases and expanding instances in which there is no duty to retreat drew several questions from skeptical Democrats during its first hearing in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

The legislation, sponsored jointly by Sen. Joe Uecker (R-Loveland) and Sen. Jay Hottinger (R-Newark), also allows certain locations where concealed handgun license holders can now legally carry firearms to remove signage advising the public that weapons are restricted.

In addition, it alters the law on when a motorist has a duty to keep their hands in plain sight by adding to the statute "unless impractical" or "directed otherwise by a law enforcement officer."

"Under current law, when a person acts in self-defense, that person is guilty until their innocence is proven," Sen. Uecker said. "Our legislation changes the legal burden of proof by placing it on the prosecution and requiring the presentation of evidence contrary to the defendant's self-defense claim."

"This legislation seeks to modernize Ohio's self-defense laws," the lawmaker added. "Senate Bill 180 will protect 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment rights while also addressing concerns raised by many of our constituents."

Sen. Sean O'Brien (D-Hubbard) said the current system already works well and questioned the rationale for shifting the burden of proof.

"If you have two people in the shooting and one is dead, there is only one person that is going to be able to give their side of the story," he said.

Under current law, Sen. Uecker said, violent offenders have more legal protections than victims.

The Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association is opposed to the provision that would shift the burden of proof to the prosecution in self-defense cases.

The legislation also seeks to address a 1978 Ohio Supreme Court decision. In *State v. Melchior*, the court created a three-part test for self-defense cases. The bill addresses

the third and final point, which is a duty to retreat. Under the bill, that duty would be eliminated in most cases.

OPAA Executive Director John Murphy said the state's prosecutors also have concerns with that provision.

"It's served us well, and maybe it's saved some lives," he said following the meeting.

Sen. Cecil Thomas (D-Cincinnati) also questioned the provision.

"If an individual has an opportunity to walk away, that works fairly well," he said. "If he's armed, he can at some point just decide I'm going to pull my gun and shoot."

Sen. Uecker said the law was already expanded in the past to limit the areas in which one has a duty to retreat. The bill would expand that to any place where someone has a lawful right to be.

The bill also seeks to modify the duty to keep one's hands in plain sight in a motor vehicle if carrying a weapon. The requirement would remain "unless impractical" or "directed otherwise by a law enforcement officer."

But Sen. Thomas, a former police officer, said keeping one's hands in plain sight during a traffic stop is for the safety of law enforcement officials.

"Law enforcement has used this particular tool throughout history," he said.

Sen. Uecker said the provision is targeted at individuals with arm or shoulder injuries who are not capable of keeping their hands on the steering wheel.

Sen. Thomas said he never saw such a case in his career, but acknowledged that it is possible.

### **Panel Adopts New Plan To Exempt OVEC Affiliates From Cost Recovery**

Affiliates would be exempted from receiving cost recovery for Ohio Valley Electric Corporation operations in a substitute bill taken under consideration by a House panel Tuesday.

The change was one of eight adjustments included in a substitute bill adopted by the House Public Utilities Committee based on feedback from interested party meetings that were held in June.

Still, with the 10<sup>th</sup> version of the controversial bill (HB 239) ready for debate, it remains unclear if and when it will be brought up for a committee vote. It's the second substitute for the bill, which has undergone numerous changes as sponsors work to make the